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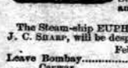
SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship EUPHRATES, 650 tons, 120 H. P., Commander J. C. Sharp, will be despatched on the 1st February 1870, at noon.

Leave Bombay.....	Feb. 1870	Leave Galle	Feb. 1870
„ Carwar	3	„ Negapatam	11
„ Mangalore	4	„ Madras	14
„ Cannanore	5	„ Cocanada	16
„ Calicut	5	„ Vizagapatam	17
„ Beypore	5	„ Bimlipatam	17
„ Cochin	6	„ Goopalpore	18
„ Tuticorin	7	„ False Point	19
„ Colombo	8	Arrive Calcutta	20

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherries during the Hot Season, Bangalore and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

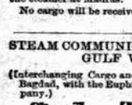
Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Busseorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Busecrah.

The steam ship BUSHEER, 785 tons, 130 H. P., Commander C. C. D. Hutchesos, will be despatched on the 24th January 1870 at noon.

Up.	Jan.	Down.	Feb.
Leave Bombay	24	Leave Busserah	11
„ Kurrachee	28	„ Fao	14
„ Guadur	29	„ Bushire	15
„ Muscat ..... Feb	1	„ Lingah	16
„ Bunder Abbas.....	3	„ Bunder Abbas.....	17
„ Linga.....	4	„ Muscat	19
„ Bushire	7	„ Guadur	21
„ Fao	8	„ Kurrachee	23
Arrive Busserah	9	Arrive Bombay	26

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, dispatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

FOR LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To sail about 15th proximo.)

THE new iron steamer DANUBE, 569 tons net register, Charles Mann, Commander, will sail as above.

The draft of this vessel, when fully laden, is less than 15 feet, and she has already made the passage through the Canal without grounding. Should it be necessary to lighten through the Canal on this voyage, a reduction will be made in the rate of Freight. For Freight or Charter apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

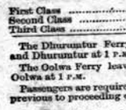
Bombay, 12th Jan. 1870.

STEAM TO THE MALABAR COAST.

THE well known First Class Steamer PHLON-E. Baker, Commander, will leave for the undernoted Ports, every SUNDAY, starting from the Apollo Bunder at 4 P.M.

Unjunwell,	Malwan,
Ratnagherry,	Vingorla,
Jeytapoor,	Goa, Panjim.

For Freight or Passage apply to NUSSERWANJEE KERSASJEE, Bazaar Gate Street, and for Charter to J. DIXON, Apollo Street.



STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Fares from Bombay to	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Butchers Island and Canda.	Oolwa.
	Rs. As.	Rs. As.	Rs. As.	Rs. As.
First Class	0 3	0 2	0 3	0 3
Second Class	0 12	1 0	0 8	0 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 6

The Dhurumtur Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M.

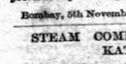
The Oolwa Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Bombay, 5th November 1867.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE KATTYWAR COAST.

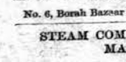


STEAMER TILLY, Captain Hanna, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 19th Instant, at 10 A.M. to CUTCH MANDVEE, calling at Diu, Veraval, Mangrole, Porebunder, and Dwarka. For Freight and Passage apply to NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, Bombay, 14th January 1870.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, GENERAL OUTRAM, and TILLY.



ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
„ Ratnagherry..	Sunday.	„ Beypore.....	Saturday.
„ Malwan	„	„ Calicut	„
„ Vingorla.....	„	„ Tellicherry...	„
„ Goa .....Monday.		„ Cannanore...	„
„ Carwar	„	„ Mangalore..Sunday.	
„ Compta .....Monday.		„ Carwar .....Monday.	
„ Mangalore ..Tuesday.		„ Goa .....Tuesday.	
„ Cannanore...Wednesday.		„ Vingorla...	„
„ Tellicherry.....	„	„ Malwan.....	„
„ Calicut	„	„ Ratnagherry Wednesday	
„ Beypore	„	Arrive Bombay.....Thursday.	
Arrive Cochin.....	Thursday.		

The Steamer GENERAL OUTRAM, Captain Teasdale, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY next, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M.

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 17th January, 1870.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE

(via SUEZ CANAL.)

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, and MARSEILLES.

LA COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR—MESSRS. FRAISSINET PERE and FILS will DESPATCH STEAMERS MONTHLY from BOMBAY to MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL, thus dispensing with the necessity of transhipment of Goods and Passengers at Suez and Alexandria.

Freight.—The Company undertake to grant through Bills of Lading for Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Malta, Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia, Naples, Barcelona, Havre, and other Continental Ports. They have also made arrangements to forward Cotton at a through rate from Bombay to the principal towns in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Spain.

Shippers will have the option, on due notice being given, of obtaining at Marseilles Cotton destined for other parts of the Continent; the Freight on same to be regulated at the average rate paid by the same Steamer.

Freight on Goods shipped to Europe to be payable at Marseilles in French money.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize from up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's Floating Policy, on goods shipped by their own Steamers. Premiums of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles ½ per cent.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
To Aden	£ 25	£ 15
„ Suez	£ 40	£ 22-10
„ Port Said	£ 42	£ 24
„ Marseilles	£ 50	£ 30

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare.

In accordance with the above, the new Steam Ship EUROPE, 3,500 tons, Captain Rolland, will be despatched from Bombay about the 31st January, and will be followed, at monthly intervals, by large and powerful steamers specially built for this service.

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

KUNKLER, PEIRSWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 19th December, 1869.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, VENICE, NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, BARCELONA, HAVRE, ADEN, AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, under arrangements with other first class lines of Steamers from Alexandria, undertake to give through Bills of Lading for Goods via Egypt to the above and most other Continental Ports.

A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

Rates of Fare.

{ To Suez—1st class £40, 2nd class £22. 10s. } Exclusive
{ To Trieste—1st class £53, 2nd class £34., } of Wines.

Exclusive of Transit.

Passengers by or for our Steamers will be furnished with First-class Tickets between Alexandria and Marseilles by Messrs. Fraissinet & Co.'s line for £10; making the passage-money between Bombay and Marseilles £50, exclusive of transit in Egypt.

We have arrangements for our departures from Bombay so as to arrive immediately before the departure of Messrs. Fraissinet's Steamer from Alexandria and avoid delay to passengers. The Marseilles Boats leave Alexandria every Thursday morning.

Steamers will leave Bombay every alternate Monday.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathborne & Co., Alexandria; Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, Trieste and Venice; Messrs. Fraissinet Pere et Fils, Marseilles; and Messrs. H. Rubattino and Co., Genoa; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

The Steam-ship KRISHNA, 1,500 Tons, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 24th January.

The following Steamer will be despatched on MONDAY the 14th February.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship ARDBOWAN, from Liverpool, are requested to SEND BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Kean without further intimation at the risk and expense of the consignees concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 12th January 1870.

FOR SALE or CHARTER the ship THAMES, 579 Tons Register, A 1 at Lloyds.—For particulars apply to the Captain at his Dubash's, No. 1, Nesbit Lane, or Patent Slip, Mazagon.

FOR SALE or CHARTER.—PARTIES wishing to BUY or CHARTER the Ship BERWICKSHIRE, 1,114 tons, now lying at anchor in the Bombay Harbour, are requested to apply for particulars to the undersigned, at 57 Modee Street, Fort.

CURSONDASS NENSEE,
Agent for the Owner of the Ship Berwickshire.

Bombay, 17th January 1870.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO LET, Part of an AIRY FLOOR in the Fort, open to the westerly breeze, suitable for two Gentlemen. Rent low.—Address F. F., "Bombay Gazette."

WANTED, by an EUROPEAN FIRM, an intelligent, active, and assiduous YOUNG PARSEE, who has a fair practical knowledge of IMPORTS and EXPORTS, and who can furnish some experience in INDENT and CONSIGNMENT BUSINESS. Applicants will please state full particulars and salary expected to F. M. C., at this Office.

NOTICE.—We have THIS DAY established ourselves in Bombay as MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS, in connection with our Firm, Messrs. BEHREND BROTHERS of Alexandria, Egypt.

BEHREND BROTHERS.

Dean Lane, Bombay, 1st January 1870.

NOTICE.—For SALE, at the Office of the Collector of Bombay, Elphinstone Circle, PUBLICATIONS and SELECTIONS from the Records of the Bombay Government, &c.

Printed Catalogues will be furnished on application to

J. KING, Acting Collector.

Bombay, Collector's Office, 18th January 1870.

MILLINERY! MILLINERY!! MILLINERY!!!

MESSRS DHUNJEERBHOY RUSTAMJEE & Co. beg to inform their friends and public in general that they have just received per Overland an extensive and best selected Stock of Ladies' Muslin and Chints Robes and Gowns, which are well worthy of attention.

3 Forbes Street.

FOR SALE, a quantity of MALVERN SELTZER WATER, just imported per ship RAJPOOT, from London, to be SOLD at a moderate price.—Apply to

CURSETJEE & EDULJEE,
Forbes Street. Dubashes.

EAST INDIA SHIPPING COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE.—At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, held in the Office of Messrs. Remfry, Sconce, & Co. on the 18th day of January 1870, the following Resolutions were carried unanimously:—

1. Proposed by Peroshaw Merwanjee, Esq., seconded by Framjee Cowasjee, Esq.—"That the Company be wound up voluntarily under Act X. of 1866 of the Legislative Council of India."

2. Proposed by Cowasjee Dinshaw, Esq., seconded by Thomas Wilson, Esq.—"That Messrs. Dinshaw Maneckjee, Nusserwanjee Manockjee, and Peroshaw Merwanjee be appointed Liquidatores without remuneration"

DINSHAW MANOCKJEE, Chairman.

Bombay, 19th January 1870.

BOMBAY, BARODA, & CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.—Undersigned hereby notifies, in accordance with instructions from the Board of Directors in London, that unless the CALLS detailed below, on the six Shares specified, are paid up with Interest from the due date, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, within 30 days from the date hereof, the Shares and all payments made thereon will be forfeited:—

Number of Shares.	Description.	Number of Certificate.	Number of Call unpaid.
1	Original	26,291	4th.
1	Do.	26,799	2nd, 3rd and 4th.
1	Do.	27,039	2nd, 3rd and 4th.
2	Do.	{ 27,099 / 27,103 }	2nd, 3rd and 4th.
1	Addl B.	97,143	3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

CHARLES CURREY, Agent.

Company's Offices, Bombay, 17th January 1870.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

Suit No. 259 of 1868.

Nowrojee Cowasjee Sawyer .....Plaintiff.

Vs.

Nusserwanjee Dinshaw Sawyer and another...Defendants.

PURSUANT to a Decretal Order of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay made in the above suit, which Order bears date the Twenty-first day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the Estate of the late COWASJEE ARDASEER SAWYER, deceased, the Testator in the pleadings in this suit mentioned, who died in Bombay on or about the Twelfth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, are hereby required to file such claims, in writing, in my office in the Court House, within one month from the date hereof, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from any benefit under the said Decretal Order.—Dated this 15th day of January 1870.

CHARLES E. FOX, Commissioner.

THE "VICTORESS" KITCHENER.

THE BEST FAMILY COOKING STOVE,

Suitable for burning any of the ordinary kinds of Coal, Dross, Wood, Charcoal, or Coke.

This unrivalled Stove, a new design, is constructed with all the latest and most valued improvements. It is pronounced by all to be the masterpiece of utility as a Family Kitchener. It has accommodation on top for four Boilers, Pots, or Kettles, an excellent Oven, which is always in a regular uniform heat, and properly arranged for ventilation in Roasting, with a valve for that purpose in the inside of the Oven, and adjustable at pleasure. An unquestionable cure for any dull draught or smoky chimney is at once obtained by the use of this Cooking Stove. The full front of the fire is shown when the front doors of the Stove are thrown open, giving the same cheerful appearance possessed by the ordinary Grate, and affording the opportunity to roast joints in front of the fire, to toast bread, &c.

The Stove is furnished and fitted with a full complement of all the necessary Cooking Utensils, thus forming a complete fit-out. These Stoves are sold, and at a cost far below any of the ordinary ranges.

There are four sizes of the "Victoress" Cooking Stove—the No. 2, or second size, being suitable for Cooking every variety for a family of from eight to twelve persons; the No. 8, or third size, for families of twelve to fifteen persons; and the No. 9, for the very largest households.

The top of the Stove, when the Boilers are off, forms an excellent Hot Plate for heating Smoothing Irons, &c.

These Stoves are easily conveyed to any distance, and are ready for immediate use, without the trouble or expense of workmen to set them up or build them in; and plain printed directions for using them are sent with each Stove, so that there is no difficulty whatever experienced, even by the most ignorant servants or cooks, in the management.

SIZE OF STOVES.

	Width across from front.	Depth from front to back over all.	Height.
No. 6,	20 inches.	29 inches.	21 inches.
No. 7,	23 „	32 „	22 „
No. 8,	26 „	35 „	23 „
No. 9,	29 „	39 „	24 „

SIZE OF OVENS.

	Width.	Depth.	Height.
No. 6,	9½ inches.	15 inches.	7½ inches.
No. 7,	11 „	17 „	8 „
No. 8,	13 „	19 „	9 „
No. 9,	14 „	21 „	10 „

THE COOKING UTENSILS.

For No. 6 Stove, holding from 3 to 4 Gals.:	For No. 8, from 2 to 3 Gals.:	For No. 7, about 1½ Gals.;	For No. 6, 1 Gallon each.
2 Iron Pots, tinned inside,	1 to 2	1	1
1 Tea Kettle, „ „	1	1	1
1 Potato or Vegetable Steamer to fit one of the Pots.			
1 Large Oval Ham Boiler, No. 9 holding 11 Gallons; No. 8, 9 Gallons; No. 7, 8 Gallons; No. 6, 6 Gallons.			
1 Round Iron Frying Pan.			
1 Large Oval Frying Pan or Fish Pan.			
1 Egg Pan, with Patent Contractor.			
1 Toasting and Broiling Iron for the Front Fire.			
3 Square Sheet-Iron Baking Pans for the Oven.			
Also, a Small Poker, a Rake for cleaning out the Flues, a Handle for lifting off the Covers of the Stove, &c.			

Hummum Street, Fort, J. NEUBERG.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NEW BANK of BOMBAY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank WILL BE CLOSED from THURSDAY the 27th to MONDAY the 24th instant, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
M. BALFOUR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 18th January 1870.

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that an ADINTERIM DIVIDEND, for the half year ended 31st December 1869, at the rate of Five per Cent per annum, will be PAYABLE on application, on and after the 24 TH INSTANT.

By order of the Board of Directors,
M. BALFOUR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 18th January, 1870.

MOFUSSIL PRESS and GINNING COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that on or after 20th instant, INTEREST, at the rate of 12 per Cent per annum will be charged on all unpaid Calls, and that all Shares, Call on which is not paid before 10th proximo, will be liable to forfeiture.

By order of the Directors,
W. NICOL & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 18th January 1870.

IN the COURT for the RELIEF of INSOLVENT DEBTORS at BOMBAY.

In the matter of Act XI. and XII. Victoria, Chapter XXI., and of LUCKMIDASS MEGJEE, who lately carried on business through the means of his Moonim, Vulloo Moorarjee, as a General Merchant in Bombay, Mangalore, and in Cutch Mandvee, under the Name and Firm of MEGJEE LALLJEE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a joint Petition by Lalljee Moorarjee, a partner in the Firm of Bhowan Heerjee and Gangjee Moorarjee, of Bombay, Hindoo inhabitants, two of the Creditors of the said Firm of Megjee Lalljee, praying for adjudication in Insolvency, under the said Act, against the said Luckmidass Megjee, verified by the joint Affidavit of the said Lalljee Moorarjee and Gangjee Moorarjee, was filed in this Honourable Court on the Thirteenth day of January, instant, and that the matters of the said Petition will be heard in the said Court on MONDAY, the Seventh day of February next.

R. B. BARTON, Clerk of the Court.

Court House, Clerk of the Court's Office, Fort, Bombay, the 18th day of January 1870.

LEA and PERRINS' CELEBRATED WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE.

Declared by Connoisseurs to be THE ONLY GOOD SAUCE.

Caution against Fraud.

The success of this most delicious and unrivalled Condiment having caused certain dealers to apply the name of "Worcestershire Sauce" to their own inferior compounds, the Public is hereby informed that the only way to secure the genuine, is to

ASK FOR LEA AND PERRINS' SAUCE,

and to see that their names are upon the wrapper, labels, stopper, and bottle.

Some of the foreign markets having been supplied with a spurious Worcestershire Sauce, upon the wrapper, labels, &c., of which the names of Lea and Perrins have been forged, L. and P. give notice that they have furnished their correspondents with full powers and warrants of such, or any other imitations by which their right may be infringed.

Ask for Lea & Perrins' Sauce, and see Name on Wrapper, Label, Bottle, and Stopper.

Wholesale and for Export by the Proprietors, Worcester, Crosse and Blackwell, London, &c., &c.; and by Grocers and Oilmen universally.

NOTICES.

ANY PERSON having a CLAIM against, or being indebted to, the Estate of the late Surgeon Major JOHN PEIRCE, M.D., Bombay Establishment, is requested to inform the undersigned within one month from this date.

H. STANLEY, Colonel,
President of Committee of Adjustment.

Bombay, 10th January 1870.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—J. & W. WATSON & Co. have from this date marked all their GOODS in plain figures, the LOWEST NETT CASH PRICES. An addition of Two Annas per Rupee will be charged upon all Goods entered in their books, which will be deducted if paid for within the month.

12th January 1870.

NOTICE.—The INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr. WILLIAM KINLOH, CEASED in our Firm from the 31st DECEMBER 1869, and the business will henceforth be carried on under the name and firm of JAMES W. ALLAN and COMPANY.

KINLOCH & ALLAN.

Bombay, 31st December 1869.

TO the JUSTICES of the PEACE for the CITY of BOMBAY.—I hereby give NOTICE, that a Meeting will be HELD in the Town Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of January, instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, precisely—

To consider what steps shall be taken by the Corporation to welcome His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

C. E. STANGER LEATHES,
Clerk to the Justices of the Peace for the City of Bombay.

Bombay, Town Hall, January, 1870.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

WITH reference to the Notice under date the 19th of August 1869, that "premia payable at this branch will still continue to be received by the undersigned on behalf of the Provisional Liquidator authorized by the Court of Chancery to receive the same, but that such premia will be returned on 1st January 1870 should no contracts or arrangements with another Company be not carried out,"

NOTICE is hereby given, that Vice-Chancellor James, upon the application of the Provisional Liquidators, has extended the time within which the Policy-holders of the Albert Life Assurance Company who may have paid their premiums since the 14th of August last, may elect to have such premiums returned to them in full from the 1st of January to the 30th of March next.

D. McL. SLATER,
Bombay, 1st January 1870. For Official Liquidators.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.—RENEWAL PREMIUMS will continue to be received by the undersigned on behalf of the Official Liquidators upon the condition that the respective persons paying the same may on or before the 30th of March next, by writing to them give to the Official Liquidators of the Company, elect to have such Premiums returned in full.

D. McL. SLATER,
For Official Liquidators.

Bombay, January, 1870.

THE BOMBAY ROYAL SPINNING and WEAVING COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders WILL BE HELD at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 23, Shamaljee Hassajee Street, Mandvee Bunder, on THURSDAY, the 20th January 1870, at 3 P.M., to consider the following Special Resolutions passed at the General Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 21st December 1869, viz.:—

"That the provisions of the Regulations in Table B, referred to in the Articles of Association, shall not apply to the Secretary, Treasurer, and Agent for the time being of the Company, and such Secretary, Treasurer, and Agent for the time being of the Company, may be a Director of the Company."

In the event of the above Resolution be carried out, the following Resolution be put to the Meeting:—

"That Mr. Cassumbhoy Dhurrumsey be appointed a Director of the Company."

By order of the Board of Directors,
CASSUMBHOY DHURRUMSEY,
Secretary, Treasurer, and Agent.

Bombay, 6th January 1870.

NOTICE.—We have THIS DAY commenced BUSINESS at No. 22 Apollo Street, as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, and have been appointed SOLE AGENTS in INDIA for

Messrs. PLATT BROTHERS & Co., Machinists, Oldham.
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and are now prepared to EXECUTE ORDERS for every description of COTTON MACHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS and MILL STORES.

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Bombay, 1st January 1870.

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Every care and attention is given to this Department of our business, and being under our personal superintendence, Physicians and Patients may rely on all articles being supplied of the best quality, and prepared with exactness and uniformity.

MEDICINE CHESTS IN GREAT VARIETY.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS CAREFULLY REFILLED.

Messrs. Thompson & Co. devote particular attention to Ships' Medicine Chests, and will, at any time, send on Board a competent party to have the Chest examined, free of charge.

PATENT MEDICINES.

Hair Brushes.	Flesh Gloves.
Nail Brushes.	Chest Expanders.
Tooth Brushes	Eau de Cologne.
Combs.	Violet Powder.
Corn Plasters.	Feeding Bottles.
Perfumery.	Court Plaster.
Sponges.	Filters.
Sponge Bags.	

AND A LARGE STOCK OF OTHER SUNDRIES.

PIPES, TOBACCO, CHEROOTS.

Orders from Outstations, accompanied by a Bombay ref rence, will receive every care and attention.

THOMPSON & Co.

JOHN MOIR and SON, Preserved Provision Manufacturers and Export Oilmen, ABERDEEN, Purveyors by Special Appointment to H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh,

Supply, of the finest quality.

Soups, Fish, Meats, Game, Entrées, Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Cheese, Bologna and Oxford Sausages, Potted Meats and Fish, Pates, Sardines, Jams, Jellies, and Orange Marmalade. Also Pickles, Sauces, Tart Fruits, Table Jellies, Mushroom Ketchup Oils, Vinegars, Baking Powder, &c.

J. M. S. are also Sole Proprietors of the DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S SAUCE.

Consumers will find that some of our Goods are rather higher in price than other manufacturers', but in the end they will prove the cheapest, being all of superior quality, more especially our Soups, a 1-lb. tin of which, with the addition of an equal quantity of water, will make two pounds of rich Soup.

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CUTLER, PALMER, & Co., WINE MERCHANTS TO HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Established in Bombay in the Year 1842, in London and Bordeaux 1815.

CUTLER, PALMER, & Co. respectfully solicit a continuance of the commands of MESSRS. GENERAL MERCHANTS, and EUROPEAN RESIDENTS of WESTERN INDIA, to whom, from the extensive nature of their business, they can offer better terms and better value than their competitors in Bombay.

CHAMPAGNES.

The finest DRY CHAMPAGNES that can be shipped. (Our own Brand and Shipping.)

		Pts.
MAGNUMS, Finest Dry.....	Labelled.....	Rs. 74 0
FINEST DRY Sparkling, Gold Foil,	„	Qts. „ 36 0 Rs. 19 8
FINE SPARKLING, Silver Foil,	„	..... „ 32 0 „ 17 8
GOOD SPARKLING for Ball purposes,	Silver Foil	..... „ 27 0 „ 14 0

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(Our own Brand and Shipping.)

	Qts.	Pts
NONPAREIL SPARKLING HOCK and MOSELLE, Gold Foil, Labelled and Branded.....	Rs. 36 0	19 0
SPARKLING HOCK and MUSCATEL MOSELLE, Silver foil	„ 32 0	17 0
MOSELLE, Still, MARCOBRUNNER	„ 34 0	..
„ „ BRAUNBERGER	„ 25 0	...
HOCK, „ JOHANNISBERGER	„ 42 0	17 0
„ „ FORSTER TRAMINER	„ 34 0	..
„ „ RUDESHEIMER	„ 26 0	14 0
„ „ HOCHEIMER	„ 23 0	12 8

CLARETS.

(Our own Brand and Shipping.)

	Qts. per doz.	Pts. per doz.
A 1—CHATEAU LATOUR or MOUTON, Gold Capsule,	Labelled & Branded.....	Rs. 32 0 Rs. 16 0
CHATEAU RAUZAN,	Black capsule, „	„ 25 0 „ ..
CHATEAU LEOVILLE,	Blue capsule, „	„ 22 0 „ 12 0
CHATEAU PALMER,	Blue capsule, „	„ 22 0 „ 12 0
CHATEAU LAROSE,	Yellow capsule, „	„ 18 8 „ 10 8
ST. JULIEN,	Green capsule, „	„ 17 0 „ 10 0
MEDOC (Cantenac),	Red capsule, „	„ 15 8 „ 9 0
MEDOC,	White capsule, „	„ 13 8 „ ..
SAUTERNE,	Red capsule, „	„ 22 0 „ 12 0

BURGUNDIES—RED and WHITE.

(Very Choice—Our own Brand and Shipping.)

CHAMBERTIN, Labelled and Branded	Rs. 32 0	Rs. 17 0
NUITS, ditto	„ 26 0	...
MACON, ditto	„ 21 0	...
CHABLIS, ditto	„ 22 0	...

SPIRITS.

These are protected by Patent Trade Mark Capsules, and our original Heart-shaped Label.

COGNAC, superior, very Old Pale, Black capsule		Rs. 38
COGNAC, superior, Old Pale,	Yellow capsule	„ 32
COGNAC, Pale,	White capsule	„ 25
RUM, superior Old Jamaica, 1st quality	Do.	„ 22
GIN, London Old Tom, 1st quality	Do.	„ 21
WHISKY, 1st quality, Irish	Do.	„ 23
„ „ Scotch	Do.	„ 21
GENEVA, in flasks (1 dozen in a case)	Do.	„ 21

SHERRIES.

Specially selected for Tropical Consumption. (Our own Brand.)

	Rs. as.
WHITE SEAL, an ordinary Dinner Wine	12 8
YELLOW SEAL, Pale and Dry, an excellent Dinner Wine	18 0
BROWN SEAL, very Pale Dry and delicate	22 0
BLUE SEAL, extra Pale Dry and delicate	22 0
GREEN SEAL, full bodied, light Gold color, Nutty and Dry	22 0
AMOROSO, very choice, full flavored, soft and Pale	28 0
AMONTILLADO, very choice and superior	32 0
MADEIRA, Rose (one voyage)	33 0

PORTS.

(Our own Brand.)

	Qts.	Pts.
A 1—OLD CRUSTED, choice	Rs. 36 0	
A 1—GOLD SEAL, an Invalid's Wine, full and fruity	„ 30 0	
BLACK SEAL, a Dessert Wine—mature	„ 24 8	14 0
RED SEAL—a good quality Wine	„ 18 0	10 8

LIQUEURS.

OF THE BEST MANUFACTURERS.

The finest: cheap French imitations we do not ship.

	Qts.	Pts.
CURACAO, finest; Amsterdam, Orange or White..	Rs. 40	22 0
MARASCHINO DI ZARA	„ 40	22 0
CHERRY BRANDY, best Copenhagen	„ 31	16 0
ORANGE BITTERS (the best)	„ 20	..

We take shipping orders for Wines in Wood.

CLARETS, at from £10 (advancing £5 per Hhd.) to £100, in Bordeaux.

SHERRIES, at from £30 (advancing £10. per Butt) to £350, in Cadiz or London.

PORTS, at from £36 (advancing £10 per Pipe) to £180, in Oporto or London.

COGNACS, and other Spirits, according to age, at per Gallon.

MESSES, on comparing our quotations with London invoices (taking care to add thereto all charges for Agency, Freight, Duty, &c.), will find that Wine, &c., can be supplied them as economically from our Bombay Godowns as from London houses direct, while our Stocks afford much choice for selection.

TRADERS buying over 30 dozen at any one time are allowed very liber

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET firm. Inquiry for Mazagons.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nomal. value of sh.	Paid up.	Last divi-dend.	Names.	Last Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. s.		
100,000	100	all	10 p.ct.	Agra Bank	120
192,000	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,550
10,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	510
10,000	500	100		Ditto 2nd Rec. Issue.	175
2,5,250	1,000	all	12 p.ct.	Ditto of Madras	1,550
80,000	250	all	9 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. L. & China	320
40,000	200	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	190
37,500	250	125	8 do.	National Bank of India.	132
60,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	440

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Allsert Mills Co.	800
500	2,500	all	100 p.a.	Alliance Spinning	1,750
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay	2,800
200	1,000	all	10 p.c.	Bombay United	730
800	500	all	...	Broach Mills	215
900	2,000	all	...	Dharumsey Spinning	1,940
750	2,000	all	150 p.a.	Great Eastern	1,350
500	1,000	all	50	Manockji Petit's	720
800	2,500	all	...	Oriental	1,370
600	2,500	2,300	...	Royal	1,375

MISCELLANEOUS.

	2,500	1,500	125 p.a.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	825
4,000	50	all	Spc.	Mechanics' P'lg'rs Co.	33
500	2,000	300	9	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	160
5,000	500	all	Nil	Treacher & Co.	225

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of L'dation.			
500	50	Jan. '68	Bank of Bombay		50
25	125		Do. China		5½
200	25	Sept. '67	B'bay Trdg & B'kng		6
200	40	Sept. '67	Brokers' Bank		15
250	...	Mar. '68	Central Bank		2½
...	...		East India Bank's		15–½
200	10	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula		6
100	625	May '67	Royal Bank		5
1200	75	Apr. '67	Old Financial		1

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

5,250	1,750	Nov. '66	Buck Bay Co.	470
3,500	2,400	...	B'bay & Bengal S. S.	100
5,000	2,400		Bombay Ship Co.	100

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate.
London	At sight	1s. 11 7/16d.
London Banks	6 months' sight	1s. 11¼d.
Do. Credits	6 Do. do.	1s. 11 15/16d. to 2/0.
Do. Documents	6 Do. do.	2s. 0 1/16d.
Calcutta	At sight	99½
Do.	30 days' sight	100 par.
Do.	60 days' sight	99½
Madras	At sight	100 par.
Do.	30 days' sight	99½
China	60 Do. do	220

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns each	Rs. 10-6
Bank of England Notes	,, 10-4
Carolus	,, 220
Mexican Dollars	,, 220
Five-Franc Pieces	,, 203
Bar Silver	,, 106-1
Gold Leaf	,, 15-10
Bar Gold 10 oz. English	,, 16
Australian Gold	,, 196-9

BANK OF BOMBAY.

Government Securities	4 per cent.
Mercantile Bills	6 ,,

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	112¾
Five per cents.	106 7/16
Four per cent.	94½
Five per cent. (Public Works Loan)	101¾
Five per cent. Debenture Loan 1866-67	103
15 years' Debenture Loans	103½
10 years' do. do.	103
5 years' do. do.	106½
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate	105
Do. Do. Market Rate	107½

CALCUTTA.—13TH JANUARY, 1870.

Government Securities—The sales in 4 per cents, reported to-day, were at Rs. 95-0 or 5 discount. A small amount of Public Works 5 per cents obtained Rs. 101-8. Several large sums of 5 per cents of 1866-67, sold at Rs. 103-8; and small pieces at Rs. 109-10 to 109-12 5½ per cents were bought, for several orders, at Rs. 113-0.

Purchases of Bank of Bengal shares were effected at Rs. 1,450.

National Bank shares were placed at Rs. 133½.

Port Canning Land Investment &c. Co.'s shares were in demand at Rs. 250, no seller.—*Englishman.*

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—JANUARY 18.

Ensigns, Colmer, Bombay Staff Corps, on duty, from Muscat.

Mackenzie, Ensign, H. M.'s 41st Regiment, to join, to Sabathoo.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—18TH JANUARY.

			Nom. p.ton
London	Cotton	£2 0s. 0d.	
	Cases	£2 0s. 0d. to £2 5s. 0d.	
	Oil	£1 10s. 0d.	
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 12s. 6d. to £1 17s. 6d.	,,
	Wooden Ships ,,	£1 12s. 6d. to £1 15s. 0d.	
	Myrabolms & Coir bills	£0 12s. 0d. to £0 12s. 6d.	
	Shoe	£0 15s. 0d. to £1 0s. 0d.	
Havre	Cotton	£2 5s. 0d. to £2 10s.	Nominal
	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland ...Steamers		£4 10s. 0d. to £5 0s. 0d.	
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£3 10s. 0d.	
China	Shanghai Cotton	Rs. 6	per bale.
	,, Opium	Rs. 25 to 30	per chest.
	Sailing Ships		Nominal
Calcutta ...Salt		Rs. 3 0 0 to 4 0 0	per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 13 to 14 and Calcutta Port charges	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag	nominal.

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
19	Suffray Sallam	Nacoda	Mozambique.
19	Mahratta (s)	Scott	Malabar Coast and Calcutta.
19	Taptee (s)	DeCosta	Cutch, Mandvee.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—

Ship John Bunyan, Stitch, to Rangoon.

Ship Stag, Ellis, to Singapore, Bangkok, &c.

Steamer Tilly, Hanna, to Cutch.

Ship Matheran, McDonald, to Liverpool.

Schooner Fulleppino, Nacoda, to Mozambique and Curmasy.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Ship East, to Kurrachee.

Ship Hydree, to Jeddah and Hoodooda.

Brig Sultan Babu, to Alleppy and Malabar Coast.

BENGAL.

The Telegraph of January 13th has the following :—

ARRIVAL.—Ship Empress of India, [B], W T Nunnerley, Bombay 13th; Calicut 20th, and Cochin 28th November.

Particulars of vessel previously announced—Ship Michael Angelo, [B], M Luckie, (port not mentioned) 21st September.

DEPARTURES.—Ship Khandeish and Barque Lord Clyde.

Passengers per Ship Michael Angelo—Miss M L Luckie.

Per Ship Empress of India—Mrs. Nunnerley, and two children.

THEATRE ROYAL,
GRANT ROAD.

SOLE LESSEE .....MR. DAVE CARSON.

SCIENTIFIC WONDERS.

TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY), JAN. 19TH, AND FRIDAY, JAN. 21ST.

PROFESSOR BUSHELL'S MARVELLOUS ENTERTAINMENT!

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ELECTRICITY,
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PROFESSOR BUSHELL

(The Eminent Electrician and Electro-Biologist, who has had the honour of appearing before large audiences in all parts of the world) will give two Entertainments in Bombay, comprising a series of

SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS,

Treated in a popular manner, so as to excite both Wonder and Laughter.

At the close of the first part of the evening's amusement there will be an intermission of fifteen minutes during the removal of apparatus.

THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL CONCLUDE WITH STARTLING AND LAUGHABLE EXPERIMENTS IN

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So favourably received on the occasion of Professor BUSHELL'S former visit to Bombay.

The singular characteristic features of Professor BUSHELL'S unsurpassed power will be demonstrated upon Gentlemen who voluntarily offer themselves. The great practical experience he has had during his tour round the world enables him to practise with amazing power and certainty, giving him a great advantage over his predecessors, leaving no doubt on the mind of the spectator of the genuineness of the apparently

SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA.

His Experiments, which comprise all the improvements in this astounding science, invariably create the warmest excitement, and elicit the loudest applause; for they not only

PUZZLE AND BEWILDER

Ordinary audiences, but strike Philosophers with

ADMIRATION AND ASTONISHMENT.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Dress Circle ..... Rs. 5 | Upper Circle ..... Rs. 2
Stalls ..... ,, 3 | Pit ..... ,, 1

Reserved Seats may be secured at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.'s, where a plan of the Theatre can be seen.

DOORS open at 8-0. Performance to commence at 8-45 P.M.

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REDUCTION OF PRICES.

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ANOTHER GRAND MINSTREL AND BURLESQUE NIGHT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH.

SECOND TIME THIS SEASON OF

DAVE CARSON

AS THE

BENGALEE BABOO.

SECOND TIME OF THE GORGEOUS BURLESQUE OF

CINDERELLA,

IN WHICH THE WHOLE OF THE

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CHOICE SELECTIONS FROM EMINENT COMPOSERS.

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The Course of Instruction comprises :—
Holy Scripture.
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Geography, Political and Map-Drawing. [Physical.
Algebra and Euclid.
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Marathi.
Music, Vocal and Instrumental.
Plain and Fancy Needle-work.

FEES :—First and Second Classes.....Rs. 5 per month.
Third Class ..... ,, 7½ ,,
Fourth and Fifth Classes..... ,, 10 ,,
Four members of a family are charged as three.
Fee for Instrumental Music.....Rs. 10

BOARDERS.—The greatly increased accommodation secured by the removal of the Teachers' residence to Byculla, has enabled Mr. and Mrs. MACDONALD to make ample provision for the reception of Boarders.

D. C. BOYD,
D. MACPHERSON, } Joint Secretaries.

BOMBAY ASSEMBLIES.—SUBSCRIBERS are informed the next ASSEMBLY will take place on THURSDAY, the 20th January, at the house on Malabar Hill lately occupied by Mr. Pigott, kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee by Mr. Kessowjee Naik.

H. J. STOCK, Captain,
Honorary Secretary.

Marine Lines, 14th January 1870.

BOMBAY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—MEMBERS are requested to bring their Copies of the MESSIAH to be practised THIS EVENING.

ALFRED WAKE,
Honorary Secretary.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

BARNES—January 18th, at Oomercarry, William Cheney Barnes, Inspector of Police, the beloved son of Mrs. Lawrence, Nurse, aged 32 years. He leaves a wife and three children to bemoan his loss, and deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

DURHAM—January 18th, in Bombay, after a fever of 11 days, Charles John, the beloved son of Mr and Mrs C Durham, aged 16 years and 22 days.

MACKENZIE—January 15th, at Yeotmail (East Berar), Sophia Jane, aged four years, eight months and eighteen days, after a severe and protracted illness.

EUROPE.

BIRTH.

NEGREPONTE—January 9th, at Trieste, the wife of John P. Negreponte, Esq., of a daughter.

MADRAS.

BIRTH.

BIDIE—January 11th, at Deeney's Gardens, Madras, the wife of G. Bidie, M.B., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

STEWART—HAINES—January 4th, at St. Mark's Church, Bangalore, Richard Campbell Stewart, Captain 8th Madras Light Cavalry, to Mona Gough, second daughter of Colonel

The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1870.

IT would be an odd spectacle if, while our people at home were engaged in furiously attacking, or languidly and timorously defending the Game Laws, we, in India, were to become clamorous for their imposition. And yet there are things more unlikely. It admits of no doubt whatever that the various breeds of game animals in this country are decreasing with great rapidity—a rapidity, indeed, which renders the decrease plainly observable to those whom the matter interests. Going on at the present rate, it is speaking within fair limits to say that before another twelve years have passed away, Indian shooting will be as far below its home repute, as is the reality of sport in the Southern States of America, below the glowing estimate which Mayne Reid's charming natural historical romances would induce his youthful readers to form. Even now, in many parts of India, there are regions once filled with game, which have become as a delusion and a snare, as a grief and bitterness, to those who endeavour to extract a little sport out of them. We are speaking somewhat at random, relying for half the distance upon the opinions of others, when we say that if a man were to set out to walk across country from Bombay to Madras, shooting over the country adjoining his track as he went along, he would find it very hard work to bag enough to keep himself alive upon. From the Berars and Khandeish the same complaint reaches us, and even in Guzerat, that is Northern Guzerat, which has a world-wide renown as being the paradise of the small game sport, as well as in Kaira, Kattiawar, and the Panch Mahals, game has decreased of late years at an astonishing rate. This year, indeed, which in all the four last mentioned districts has been exceptionally and quite unaccountably bad, has driven the sporting world to despair. Duck and quail, snipe and geese are there, but are in the ratio of tens to former hundreds, and are as wild as hawks. Of course we know very well that with more people up-country to shoot, more game is or *ought to be* shot, and that there are more mofussilites now-a-days than of yore is certain enough. But we are of opinion that the ravages of a few hundred guns, during a few months in the year, are not enough to account for the, so to speak, bodily decrease of India's game birds. Where we believe the evil—for it *is* an evil, and one as we shall endeavour to show is infinitely to be regretted—has its root is in the abundance of birds of prey who swarm unchecked over the whole face of the country, gifted with palates very similar to our own, if we may judge from the strong preference which they accord to game birds over any other, and urged on to destroy by an imperious hunger and a sharp competition. We feel tolerably convinced that if these birds were subjected to a systematic diminution, they would leave room for a large and immediate increase in the numbers of their game brethren of the feather. The latter, be it remembered, do not in India, as is so widely the case at home, need any artificial nourishing. Food exists for them over the whole country in endless profusion; indeed for snipe and aquatic birds, there is hardly any end to it in many regions. So again with regard to hares, which are less numerous here than in an open English country, though abundant food, cover, and immunity from the hand of the sportsman are freely theirs. There are about nine different species of hawks in this country, to say nothing of the various kinds of owls, and the ubiquitous Brahminy kite or *chil*, all of which work daily havoc among the young duck and quail, partridges and hares. Worst among them are the small "sparrow" hawk, a little vicious, brown fellow, which flies with sharp moving wings like a dove, and is about twelve times as strong as he looks; the beautiful peregrine, of an ashen silver hue, to our thinking one of the most striking looking birds in this country, splendidly feathered and armed, and as strong as a game cock; and the common brown falcon, possessing much the same physique, but being more numerous, and terribly rapacious and daring. To give three instances of the daring and rapacity of these pirates, which we have ourselves witnessed within the last month. First, a teal was shot in mid air and plunged into the water. In an instant a brown falcon appeared, though no one had seen it before, and darted at the dead bird. A shot scared him off, but before the game could be gathered, he had thrice stooped again, and, but for a constant shower of stones, would have effected his object. Secondly, a quail was flushed, and missed—when a sparrow hawk darted from over head in pursuit, and a prickly-pear bush alone saved the quarry at the critical instant. A yard more and it would have been struck. Thirdly, a hare had been put up in a castor oil field, and shot. The report roused some quail from under the shooter's feet. His second barrel was instantly raised, but on the warning cry of "Red!" (a smaller local species, not migratory, and never shot) he lowered it again. At the same moment a common *chiel*, or, if a nobler bird, one which bore a most unfortunately accurate resemblance to it, dashed over the very muzzle of the gun, caught up an unwary quail, carried it off to a neighbouring tree, and leisurely commenced its consumption. Fourthly, yet one more. A flight of duck had been scared from a tank, and the sportsman, squatted on the bank, awaited their return. His proximity disconcerted a—"dabchick" (a small species of duck, possessing the habits of our English moor hen, a splendid diver, and only moderately timid)—which had been in the sedges hard by, and he paddled out into open water with the intention of gaining a patch of reeds in the centre of the tank. His isolated position, or possibly something of the discomposed in his appearance, roused the energies of a brown hawk which had been floating lazily about overhead, and he descended like a plash, straight upon it. The quarry dived; the hawk arrested himself an inch or so from the surface, and hung about ten feet above it, with loose wings, waiting the former's reappearance. The moment it came up, he stooped again, with the same result, for the dabchick was evidently no fool, though he had vacated the safe shelter of his snug reed forest, on such small provocation, and so the contest went on, the hawk darting down, the quarry diving under, showing only his nose as he came up and his tail as he went down, until he reached the sanctuary of the reed clump, where he no doubt indulged in a little quiet chaff at the expense of his furious assailant. And all the while, within twenty yards, sat the sportsman. These instances of rapacity and boldness might be multiplied over and over again. Every sportsman can tell dozens of stories as to how his game bearer has been followed for miles by hawks, evidently more than half disposed to dash at his burthen: how quail will prefer being *kicked* up, to rising above the protecting corn or grass, if a hawk be overhead; and how many a "long-pot" has been snatched up by hawk or kite, before the dogs or beaters could field it—even sometimes so in the case of hares. Now, if we compute from what we see, that which we do *not* see, if the shouts of beaters, the report of the guns, and the rush of dogs, will not scare these feathered tigers from their plump and juicy prey, how systematically must they go to work when they have matters all their own way! In an ensuing issue we purpose showing, firstly, in what way, as it seems to us, this source of evil might be diminished, without resorting to measures of adult massacre, for we are not among those who would wholly exterminate these beautiful animals of prey; and secondly, in what respect Government would be benefited, were some means taken to arrest the rapid disappearance of game from India. The old *anti*-game law argument, so cogent in England, namely, that game can too often only be protected for the landlord's amusement, at the expense of the farmer's crop, does not apply in many parts of India, where there is much waste land; and only partially so in well farmed districts, as the *ryot* does not glean closely, if at all, and so suffers nothing from the quail, while even where bare and deer abound, he will not stir a peg to assist the sportsman, unless he be well paid to do so. Two annas a head for hares marked down, in a wheat-growing country, have been offered over and over again by coursers, unavailingly. Yet the hares lived on the wheat. As to duck and such like, the only way they affect the

THE Directors of the New Bank of Bombay have declared an ad-interim dividend at the rate of five per cent. per annum. The *profits* made by the Bank during the past year have been nine per cent. The *dividend* paid by the Bank of Bengal has been six and a half per cent. In one case a considerable sum was transferred to Reserve, and in the other something was taken from Revenue. A new Bank has always difficulties to meet and overcome on its establishment. This presidency Bank has met with opposition in a quarter from which a better spirit might have been expected. We congratulate the Directors on the careful manner in which they are laying the foundation for that public confidence without which permanent success cannot be attained.

WE have authority to state that H. E. the Governor will *not* arrive on the 20th instant. He has altered his plans, and will notify by telegram the date of his arrival.

THE Begum of Bhopal visited H. M. S. Galatea last Friday morning, and afterwards forwarded a donation of Rs. 200 to the Seamen's "Female Orphan Fund," for which she noticed that a box was kept on board.

THE Nagpore paper states, as a fact, that the barracks at Khundwa, which have been completed at a cost of three lakhs, have been occupied for just ten days and are no longer required, orders having been received that troops are not in future to be located at that station.

THE deficit has, says the "Central India Times," opened the eyes of Government to the large and unnecessary expenditure on account of grand magazines maintained at so many points of the military strategetic position in Central India, that not a few are doomed to be demolished, and among the number that at Saugor is to go immediately, and the one projected for Jubbulpore is not to be built, the troops in that part of the country being easily supplied from either Allahabad or Nagpore.

THE failure of the Khamptee chief, Chowsam, to penetrate into Thibet, has not (says the "Englishman") discouraged the local authorities. He is to be sent forward again, ostensibly to enquire for the replies to certain letters left with the Thibetan frontier officials, but in reality to give notice of the fair fixed to take place at Suddya in February next. The Thibetans plead an order, said to be eighty years old, as their reason for refusing to allow any person from British territory to cross the boundary. Chowsam himself has been presented with a fowling piece, bearing a suitable inscription, as a reward for his services on this occasion.

STEPS are being taken by some members of the Hindoo community at Madras to get up an address to the Duke of Edinburgh, but their efforts it is said have not yet met with a very enthusiastic response. The President of the Municipality has issued a circular to the several Commissioners, inviting them to consider what kind of address should be presented by the Municipal Corporation. We observe that the 18th Hussars, which is at present at Secunderabad, is to be brought down to Madras to add to the military display which is contemplated on occasion of the visit of the Duke.

THE Government (says the "Englishman") is not disposed to treat the Assistant Superintendents of Police, whose services have been dispensed with, altogether with such scant courtesy as the first minute on the subject led many of them to imagine. Oil is to be poured on their wounds in the shape of pecuniary compensation, as the Financial Department has ruled that a gratuity at the rate of one month's pay for each year of "eligible service," is to be granted. In calculating eligible service, periods of absence on leave (except on privilege and preparatory leave under certain circumstances) are to be excluded, but the period of employment before the age of 22 is to be allowed to count as service.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, 7TH JAN., AFT.

The Liverpool cotton market to-day was steady. Fair Dhollera 9¼d.

The Manchester Market to-day was very steady, but prices show no quotable change.

LONDON, 8TH JAN., AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was quiet. Fair Dhollera 9¼d.

Consols ..... 92⅝.
Oriental Bank shares .....£43-10.
Chartered ,, ,, ...£18-10.
,, Mercantile Bank shares..£31-10.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares.....£38.
4 per cent. Government Securities: 91¼.
5 ,, ,, ,, ...105½.
5½ ,, ,, ,, ...110½.
Exchange on India 60 days,....1s. 11½d.

Total coin in Banks of England and France £67,750,000.

Total notes outstanding £81,875,000.

The Nyanza from Southampton takes £2,000 in gold for Bombay.

GRAND FIELD DAY AT POONA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE whole of the troops at Kirkee and Poona were out on Monday morning for field exercise. The force was divided into two portions, as follows:—

The B-E Royal Horse Artillery, B-9 Royal Artillery, one squadron 3rd Light Cavalry, detachment 1-2nd Queen's, and Sappers and Miners, under the command of Colonel Fuller.

The above were supposed to be attacking Poona from the direction of the Bund.

The defending force consisted of the A-E Royal Horse Artillery, two squadrons 3rd Light Cavalry, H. M.'s 59th Regiment N. I., and 9th N. I., under the command of Brigadier-General Addison, C.B.

D 18th Royal Artillery, 23rd and 24th Regiments of N. I., under the command of Colonel Whitehill.

The latter assembled on the maidan to the north of the Gymkhana ground, about 5 A.M., and soon afterwards moved off in the direction of the Bund; the 1st Brigade, under the command of Brigadier-General Addison, C.B., took the new road to the bridge; the 2nd Brigade under Colonel Whitehill, of the 23rd Regiment N. L. I., marched by the Council House down the old Bund road.

The defending force reached the Bund shortly before day-break, and having then received intelligence that the enemy was in position on the opposite side of the river, they also extended along the banks to oppose the advance. As day dawned the enemy was observed occupying a strong position on the crest of the hill on the opposite side. The A-E Horse Artillery and the 59th Foot at once opened fire, which was briskly replied to on the part of the enemy. The fire was maintained with great fury on both sides for some time, when that of the enemy appearing to slacken, the 2nd Brigade was ordered across the bridge.

The bridge was crossed at the double, the 24th N. I. leading, and on getting across filed off to the left—extended companies behind a wall (which opportunely offered) and continued the fire; the remainder of the 2nd Brigade moved round by the right, and being shortly after joined by the 1st Brigade turned the flank of the enemy on the right. Meanwhile the 24th N. I. had received orders to charge up the face of the hill, which was accomplished in the most gallant manner. The enemy now finding themselves considerably outnumbered retired gradually in the direction of Kirkee, disputing the ground with much obstinacy, whilst the above was going on. The D-18th R. A. under Captain Ritchie had proceeded a short distance along the road to Kirkee, and coming over a practicable gorge in the hill at once unlimbered and opened fire, keeping in line with the 24th. On reaching the steadily across the plain. After descent by the hill and coming down on to the plain below, the 1st and 2nd Brigades joined each other and advanced in line across the maidan, driving the enemy steadily before them.

The enemy made a determined stand on reaching the Deccan College, but after some time was again forced to retreat, and soon afterwards gave up the contest. The defending force having thus accomplished their object marched back to quarters.

The whole of the troops were under the direction of Major General the Hon'ble A. Gordon, C.B., assisted by a numerous staff. A great number of the élite of Poona were present as spectators, and must have been much gratified by the brilliant display of fireworks to which they were treated. The number of native spectators was very large.

The troops returned to cantonments soon after 8 o'clock.

THE COMMAND AT NUGGUR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—There is a rumour abroad to the effect that an attempt is being made to induce H. E. the Commander-in-Chief to commit, what can only be characterised as an act of great injustice, viz., to recommend an infantry officer (the commandant of the 22nd N. I.) to the vacant brigade command at Ahmednuggur, in supersession of no less than three artillery officers—Colonels Fuller, Woolcombe, C.B., and Gaye.

I have no wish to disparage the infantry officer referred to, and merely ask—Have his services been so brilliant as to entitle him to supersede the three artillery officers named above, all of whom are known to be thoroughly efficient and able men

I believe, however, that the arguments urged by the advocates of the proposed supersession are—first, that artillery officers already hold their full proportion of brigade commands; secondly, that the promotion of Bombay artillery officers was unduly advanced by the assimilation to the Royal Artillery in 1861.

In reply to the first argument, it is only necessary to state, that neither by rule nor custom has any proportion of brigade commands been allotted to each branch of the service. This is proved by the fact that up to a recent date two out of seven regimental field officers of native cavalry held brigade commands at the same time, while from 1861 to 1867 no artillery officer was in this position. Had any rule or custom to the effect stated existed, at least one artillery officer must always have been in command of a brigade, while not more than one native cavalry officer could at any time have been so. Officers have, except in cases of known incompetence been almost invariably selected for such commands according to seniority.

As regards the second argument, I admit that it is true that the promotion of artillery officers was much advanced by the assimilation in 1861, but, on the other hand, that of infantry was almost equally hastened by the retirements in consequence of the extra pensions granted in 1861-62, and still more so by the order under which Staff Corps lieut.-colonels are removed from their cadres on obtaining that rank in the local army.

The Artillery officers named above obtained the position which enabled them to benefit by the assimilative promotions through the operation of the regimental benefit fund to which they all contributed. Had no assimilation taken place that fund would have continued its operations, It would be difficult for the commandant 22nd N. I. and his friends to prove, that had neither assimilation nor extra retirements taken place he would have been senior to any of the artillery officers whom it is now proposed to supersede in his favour.

Should the principle which it is now attempted to establish be admitted, all Artillery and Staff Corps officers superseded by local officers who have obtained rapid promotion, in consequence of the removal of the lieut.-colonels referred to above, could claim to be appointed to brigade and other commands in preference to such officers; indeed to carry out the principle thoroughly it would be necessary to resort to the original commissions of second lieutenant, cornet and ensign.

Lord Napier, we all know, was disposed to treat the scientific corps with fairness and, in spite of the one-sided view taken by his staff, I feel confident that H. E. Sir A. Spencer will do so too, as I believe that we may designate him in the words of Horace as

(quem) Justum ac tenacem propositi virum
Non civium ardor prava jubentium
Nec vultus instantis tyranni
Mente quatit solida,

which for the benefit of the staff I will translate freely as "a man upright and firm of purpose, not to be bullied out of what he thinks right, either by the howls of his staff in a body urging him to unfairness or by the scowls of his Adjutant General."

I feel no doubt that you will agree with me in wishing that in this case as in all others FIAT JUSTITIA.

VICEREGAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE Council met at the Government House, Calcutta, on January 14th, at 11 A.M. The following members were present :—

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, K. P., G. C. S. I., presiding; His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, K. C. B., G. C. S. I.; the Hon'ble G. Noble Taylor; Major General the Hon'ble Sir H. M. Durand, C. B., K. C. S. I.; the Hon'ble John Strachey; the Hon'ble Sir Richard Temple, K. C. S. I.; the Hon'ble J. Fitzjames Stephen, Q. C.; the Hon'ble Gordon S. Forbes; the Hon'ble D. Cowie; Colonel the Hon'ble R. Strachey; the Hon'ble Francis Steuart Chapman; the Hon'ble J. R. Bullen Smith; His Highness Saramade Rajahde Hindustan Raj Rajendra Sri Maharaja Dhiraj Sivai Ram Singh Bahadur, of Jeypur, G. C. S. I.; and the Hon'ble F. R. Cockerell.

QUARANTINE BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Chapman moved that the report of the Select Committee on the Bill to provide rules relating to quarantine be taken into consideration. He said that when he introduced the bill into Council, he stated that it should provide both for inland and maritime quarantine; but that in order to secure safety to persons resorting to fairs and other places of that nature, it would be necessary for him to introduce a far more comprehensive measure than the one now before the Council. These rules it will be necessary to apply not only to places where contagious diseases do exist, but also in cases where there should be ground for apprehending outbreaks of such diseases, and above all, it will be necessary afterwards to levy taxes in order to meet the outlay which it will be necessary to make in connection with conservancy and other sanitary arrangements. These arrangements would, he believed, be found to form the most effectual barrier against outbreaks of cholera. These facts obliged the Council to take into their consideration this bill. He assured the Council that the subject would not be lost sight of in the future. He would therefore move that the bill, as amended, be passed.

The motion was put and agreed to.

SUBORDINATE JUDGES' AND MOONSIFFS' BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Cockerell moved that the report of the Select Committee on the bill to provide for the appointment of additional subordinate judges and moonsiffs in the presidency of Fort William be taken into consideration. He said that, in the opinion of the Select Committee, the provisions of the bill, as introduced, were sufficient to obtain the ends proposed, and that no alterations had been found necessary. He also moved that the bill be passed.

The motions were put and agreed to.

COURT FEES BILL.

He also presented the report of the Select Committee on the bill to provide for the better regulation of Court fees.

AGROR VALLEY BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Stephens moved that the bill to remove the Agror Valley from the jurisdiction of the tribunals established under the General Regulations and Acts be passed. He had nothing further to add to what he had said before. No alteration had been made.

The motion was put and agreed to.

WILLS OF HINDUS AND BUDDHISTS BILL.

He also presented the report of the Select Committee on the bill to regulate the wills of Hindus and Buddhists in the Presidency towns.

COST OF PETITIONS BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Chapman introduced a bill to enable the High Courts at the Presidency towns to deal with costs of petitions for certain monies transferred to Government, and moved that it be referred to a Select Committee to report in a fortnight. He said that the bill would have the effect of deterring parties from bringing idle or wilful suits, and that it would enable the High Court to settle the amount of costs at discretion.

The motion was put and agreed to.

FEMALE INFANTICIDE BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Strachey moved for leave to introduce a bill for the prevention of female infanticide. He said,—My lord, female infanticide in many parts of India has for years been a matter for serious consideration. Mr. Moore, in a memorandum, states that the practice in many part of India, and especially in the north of India, was very prevalent, and is still commonly to be found among the Rajputs. And although generally it may be said that the crime is confined to the Rajputs, still this is not, strictly speaking, entirely true. In some parts of the country the same crime is found common to the class to whom it is usually confined, and in some parts of the country, even among Mohammedans. The first Englishman I believe, who I may say discovered the existence of this crime, was the well known Mr. Duncan, a man who, I believe, after a service of 38 years, is still respected and possesses the confidence of the people among whom he worked. In the year 1789, when he was resident a Benares, he made known to the Government, wisely, the prevalence of this crime among the Rajcoomars, and he exerted his influence to the utmost to induce the people to refrain from practising it, and measures were taken not long afterwards against it. The first was the Regulation 21 of 1795, and the other, Regulation 3 of 1804. The measures taken under these regulations practically seemed to have had very little effect. They certainly had no permanent effect. For some few years after these regulations had been passed, and great care taken in the matter, nothing seems to have been done on this side of India with the object of repressing the crime. It was not until 1836, when Mr. Thomason, Magistrate and Collector of Azimghur, when making a settlement of the district, discovered the prevalency of this crime. This admirable man and wise statesman, to whom India owes many a deep debt of gratitude, was the first in modern times or this side of India to bring his mind to bear practically on the prevention of it. He found it to be practised only by the Rajpoots of certain districts living on the borders of the Oudh territory. He stated in his report, that among a "body of 10,000 Rajpoots, not a single daughter was forthcoming." I will now quote that excellent man's own words in a volume on the subject by the Rev. John Cave-Browne. He says, "I do not think it is generally known that the horrible practice so extensively prevails even at our own doors. I myself discovered it accidentally whilst engaged in revising the settlement of the Purgunnah and encamped in that very Tuppali (of Kooha). In conversation with some of the Zemindars, I happened to mention one of them as the son-in-law of another. The mistake raised a sarcastic laugh, which was explained by the brief exclamation of a bystander, 'Where will you find a daughter in Kooha?' Inquiry once roused, the truth was palpable. They freely admitted the practice themselves; and it was a matter of notoriety." Mr. Thompson went on to say—"The Baees Rajpoots of Kooha,

MR. HOWARD'S SCHOOL SERIES.

(Guzerat Mitra.)

Mr. Howard's English school series are doomed to be not permanent. In fact the time has already come when a committee is to sit in judgment upon their merits. Mr. Hughlings, Professor Oxenham, Mr. Kirkham, Mr. Ambalal Shakerlal and Mr. Ramcrishna Gopal have been appointed to perform this unwelcome task. Before the committee can commence its work, it is most desirable that a well-concocted system should be first laid down as the basis of the future series and placed open to public criticism. The committee will thus be enabled to mend the defects, if any, before it could be too late. The system once laid down, it will be easy to mark out the departures from it in the present series. The business of the committee is not, so far as we comprehend it to be, to cull out unseemly perjections or fill in holes of an already constructed fabric, but it is one to draw out a plan of the future building from their own imagination, and to select such materials from the present series as may best suit their purposes. To examine is not however to undo what others have done and substitute one's own in its place, as some suppose, and we are far from believing that the committee's actions can for a moment be guided by such a spirit. But even if it did, there is the public opinion to correct it if only they condescend to lay their plan before the public.

MISS CARPENTER AND MISS CHAMBERLAIN.

(Indu-Prakash.)

The public will be glad to learn that when Miss Carpenter visited Ahmedabad last fortnight, she inquired into the affairs connected with the arrears of pay of Miss Chamberlain, lady superintendent of the Female Normal School established there, and was glad to be assured by the Educational and other authorities that speedy arrangements were being made to clear up the arrears and ensure punctual payment in future. To avoid, however, all possible contingency, Miss Carpenter has, we are informed, deposited an amount equal to one year's salary with the Educational Inspector N. D., Mr. Curtis, out of which Miss Chamberlain or her successor is to be paid in case she should not regularly receive pay from the Municipal or Educational authorities. A similar arrangement has been made for the Female Normal School intended to be established at Surat, and it is probable that Miss Chamberlain may be placed in charge of that school, another lady from England, now on her way to India, taking Miss Chamberlain's place at Ahmedabad. It is quite clear that Miss Carpenter was in no way bound to make the arrangements he has made, her obligation to Miss Chamberlain having ceased from the time of the latter taking charge of the Ahmedabad school. But Miss Carpenter could not bear the idea of any lady, engaged in the philanthropic cause she has undertaken, being placed in a difficulty in a foreign country under any circumstances, and her arrangement, therefore, deserves the highest praise. We hope her money will remain untouched, by the timely and proper arrangements of the Municipal and Educational authorities.

CAPTURE OF AN ESCAPED CONVICT.

The European convict named Hutchins, who made his escape from the City Jail at Poona on the forenoon of the 13th instant, was captured by the police at Sherwell on Saturday last, and was brought into Poona the following day (Sunday). It appears that as soon as he made his escape from the jail, he hired a poney and went in the direction of the Sattara road for the purpose of proceeding to Mahableshwur, but in the meanwhile Abdool Kadur, an expert detective, was put on the alert, and went in search of him, but not getting any clue as to his whereabouts he returned to Sherwell. In the meanwhile Hutchins, who was wandering behind the Poorundhur hill, went to Sherwell and put up in the travellers' bungalow, and requested that messman to pledge his watch for him, and give him the equivalent of its value, as he was about to proceed to Mahableshwur in the Government mail cart. The messmen having been previously informed by the police of Hutchins' escape from the jail he went and gave information to the police that a gentleman (well dressed) was at the bungalow and wanted money for his watch, the police thereupon lost no time in capturing him with the assistance of some of the villagers, when Mr. Abdool Kadur searched him, according to the description roll he had, and found out that he was the person who escaped from the jail. When brought to Poona he stated that his intention was to proceed to Mahableshwur, and from thence to Mahar, and then to America for good. He also stated that he had prepared weapons to aid him in murdering any person who would obstruct him in his journey, but he said that his conscience did not admit him to commit a second murder, and therefore he threw away the implements.—*Poona Observer*, Jan. 10.

FORT POLICE COURT.—18TH JANUARY.

(Before John Connon, Esq.)

Thefts.—Abdool Rehmon, a vagrant, was charged with stealing an umbrella belonging to a Chinaman, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.—Ackma Meera was convicted of stealing three fowls belonging to Hormusjee Palkonjee, and was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment.—Bhugwandas Goodaghut, a Purdesee, was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment, for stealing a turban, value Rs. 15, the property of Bhow Raghoba.

Torturing Animals.—Rubbajee Luxamon and Govind Condajee was charged with torturing bullocks at Colaba, and were fined five rupees each.

GIRGAUM POLICE COURT.—18TH JANUARY.

(Before R. H. Sнowell, Esq.)

Assault.—Luis David de Silva was charged with assaulting Jao Doming Gonsalves, and was fined fifteen rupees.—The same prisoner was further charged with assaulting Pedro Antonio Dias, and on his pleading guilty was mulcted in the sum of Rs. 50, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment. Dr. Barton conducted the prosecution.

Theft.—Suddoo Succaram was convicted of stealing a lamp belonging to Gunnoo Babajee, and was sentenced to hard labour for seven days.—Calaykhan Rehmonkhan was charged with stealing a sheet and axle belonging to Lalpatel Hooseinpatel, and was sentenced to be imprisoned for seven days.

THE LOOSHAIS.

The *Indian Daily News* has the following regarding the rumoured Looshai raid :—

"On the 5th instant a telegram of the same date was received from the Commissioner of Dacca to the effect that Mr. MacWilliam, the officiating Deputy Commissioner of Cachar, had telegraphed to him on the 3rd, that Moobang, a village on the extreme south of Murispore, had been attacked on 23rd December and some houses burnt.

"The inhabitants escaped, and the raiders had left. The attack was attributed to Looshaies. Edgar, however, on the 26th was in peaceful communication with the Looshais, who were working fearlessly at the salt springs.

"A letter has since been received from Mr. Edgar, dated Looshai Hant, January 1st, in which he mentions that he has been taken to that place by the Looshais by an excellent land route leading along the top of a ridge, with plenty of water all the way, and scarcely any steep places. A little jungle-cutting would, he says, except in a few places, make this road as good as the Government road between Cherapoonjee and Shillong. Mr. Edgar estimates that, in the event of any future military operation against the Looshais, troops could by forced marches over this road, reach Sookpilall's first villages in six days, Deonti's in eight days, and Vonpilall's in seven days.

"Mr. Edgar anticipates no difficulty in coming to terms with Vonpilall and Sookpilall; indeed, he hopes to induce the tribes of the former to settle down close to our frontier. He has not, however, been able to ascertain whether there is any intention on the part of Deonti, who is believed to have been the perpetrator of the attack on Monierkhall a year ago, to effect a meeting with him. These negociations will of necessity occupy some time, and require much patience and forbearance. In the meantime Major Macdonald is doing all in his power to add to our geographical knowledge of the country through which Mr. Edgar's party is passing."

The following domestic occurrence appears in a Liverpool paper :—"Winchester—Master—Dec. 9, at the old church of Cirencester, Captain Chichester, 5th Lancers, to Miss Isabel Catherine Master, youngest daughter of Mr. T. W. C. Master, of The Abbey, Cirencester, and Knole-park, Almondsbury. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a handsome white robe of costly material, trimmed with satin and rich brussels lace; she also wore a brussels lace veil and a wreath of orang. blossoms. Four of the bridesmaids were dressed in blue silk slips, and four in pink, over which was a muslin dress with white spots the jacket. They also wore crystal and gold lockets, with the coloured monogram 'C. and S. C.,' being the gift of the bridegroom."

AN INTERESTING MELA.

Calcutta is to have its special mela or fair. The Committee of the National Gathering have fixed the 12th and 13th of February as the dates on which the mela shall be held. It differs from all other fairs that we are acquainted with, except, perhaps, the Furreedpore mela, in that it has a distinct object before it. It has been devised as a means of bringing all classes of the native community together, and of uniting them in the common pursuit of the improvement of native interests. There is a general committee with sub-committees for progress, education, music, physical education, and an exhibition of indigenous works of industry and art. The members of this last sub-committee are themselves to act the part of collectors, so as to ensure, as far as possible, the success of the department over which they preside. For the exhibition prizes the following sums have been set apart from the Mela fund: Fruits, flowers, and vegetables, Rs. 175; painting and modelling, Rs. 200; female works of industry and art, Rs. 200.

Prizes will of course be awarded by each section to those who exhibit proficiency in the subjects over which it presides, but the education section seems especially rich in this respect, and markedly in earnest in carrying out the work it has undertaken. It acknowledges the offer of Rs. 1,500 from Roy Rajendro Mullick, and of Rs. 1,300 from Baboo Gonendro Mullick, for special prizes. It also announces the publication of different works in Bengali: first, a series in history and biography, edited by Krishna Comul Bhuttacharjee, and published at the expense of Rajah Komul Krishna Deb; and, second, a series in science and art, edited by Raj Kishen Mitter, and Mohendro Noth Bhuttacharjee, and published at the expense of Baboo Dijendro North Tagore.

These are of course special, but from the mela fund, prizes, aggregating Rs. 500, will be distributed as under :—

For the best discourse on the character of Vishna Deva, and the lesson suggested by his life, in our modern days—Rs. 50.

For the best essay on the adaptability of Indian labour in the production of articles of foreign merchandise and manufacture in the country—Prize Rs. 250.

For the best essay on fine arts, and how these can be cultivated in India—Prize Rs. 50.

Prize in memorial of the late Secretary, Baboo Gonender Nauth Tagore. For the best Sanskrit slokas on the objects of the mela—Prize Rs. 100.

For the best composition of ten songs to be sung by the composer himself—Prize Rs. 50.

The General Committee of the National Gathering have improved in some respects on the idea first presented to the native mind at the Alipore Exhibition of 1864, and although, with one exception, the annual fairs then projected have fallen into abeyance, their place is likely to be more popularly and more usefully filled by the gathering to be held next month.—*English-man.*

A SNAKE STORY.

To the Editor of the "Madras Athenæum."

Sir,—I observe in your issue of the 11th instant, the account of a man bitten by a cobra, which is incorrect altogether. Kindly allow me to send you the facts of the case as they occurred.

On Saturday the 8th instant, about 12 o'clock, a Jogee named Goorooven, who was in the habit of bringing me *cobras*, brought a friend with him, who had a fresh vigorous cobra, confined in a small earthen chatty, which I asked to see. Goorooven took out the snake, and I examined its mouth to see that the fangs were not tampered with, and finding that they were all right, I directed him to put it up, for which purpose he took it out into the compound, and I returned into the house. Not long after, one of my servants reported that the man was bitten—I ran out, and saw the man standing on the steps of my house with his left arm hanging, and blood flowing from two points on the index finger. I took off my eye-glass, cut the cord, and tied it tightly around the base of the wounded finger, and another around the wrist, and with the penknife from my pocket, opened the two points on the man's finger to the extent of about a quarter of an inch each;—applied my mouth to the wounds successively, and sucked them freely, drawing out mouthfuls of blood at each time, which I spat out. In the meantime, my servant having brought a basin of water, the wounds were well washed, and had Liquor Potash applied to them. I gave the man a large dose of brandy and potash, and ordered my carriage. Having lately shifted into my present house, all my things were in confusion, and I thought it advisable to take the patient at once to the General Hospital for further treatment. Neither driver nor horsekeepers were to be found, but with the assistance of a cooly, who happened to be in the compound, the horses were harnessed and put into the carriage, the patient placed in and I drove off to the General Hospital, where the patient was received by the Apothecary on duty, and Dr. Thomas who was sent for having arrived, kindly allowed me to continue to suggest the treatment to be pursued in this case. I stayed at the hospital for five hours, visited the patient again at night, and was delighted to find the man better. When I called at the hospital the next morning, except for the wound and swelling of his forearm and hand, the man was quite well, walking up and down the verandah.

The cobra was quite fresh and vigorous, over five feet in length, just captured and brought in, and the bite was severe and fully injected with poison, as will appear subsequently from the effect it produced on myself. I was in too great a state of excitement at the time of the occurrence, being so well convinced of its effects, from the numerous experiments I have been, and still am, carrying out with the cobra poison, to think of any risk to myself; and all my anxiety were centred in endeavours to save the poor fellow's life, and it is a source of very great pleasure and comfort to me to think that I have been successful in this.

On sucking the wound the blood had a very peculiar taste, which, although it attracted my attention at the time, I cannot now remember to describe.

I felt quite well till about some two hours after, whilst at the hospital I began to feel a tightness across the gums and roof of the mouth in the space between the canine teeth. This was followed by a sharp stinging pain of a very peculiar burning character. I felt restless and uneasy at first and then languid and faint, when, for the first time, it struck me that I might have imbibed some of the poison into my system. I became somewhat alarmed and anxious, and laid down on one of the hospital cots in the ward next to the patient's, for a few minutes, and on telling Dr. Thomas that I was not feeling well, he kindly suggested that I should have some brandy and water, which I took, and felt the better for it. My bowels were inclined to act, but I resisted the feeling. At 3 P.M., the uncomfortable feeling in my mouth extended not only to the roof internally, but externally in front of the incisor teeth along the gums under the upper lip. I had no appetite for dinner in the evening, and on retiring to bed slept soundly during the night, till about 4 A.M. the next morning, when I was awakened by an acute burning pain in the roof of the mouth, which continued some couple of hours, gradually subsiding, and leaving behind a soreness. I found that the part was blistered,—the tongue to the extent of an inch from the tip quite raw, and the gums of the lower jaw also blistered, I now feel these parts so very sore and tender, that I am unable to partake of my usual food.

It is with some reluctance that I have related the effects of the poison on myself, but in the cause of science and truth, and on a subject which has attracted universal interest not only in the profession, but by the public generally, I feel myself bound to relate facts as they occurred. I am happy to say that my patient is quite well;—he left the hospital of his own accord on the 10th instant, but attends daily at my house, as the hand is still swollen, and the wound unhealthy.

The accident is said to have occurred thus :—After I had examined the snake, Goorooven seized it, and thrust its tail foremost into the earthen chatty in which it was brought, and, having placed the whole of the snake bodily, into the vessel, he held its head with the thumb and forefinger of his left hand, and, holding the cocoanut shell ready to cover the mouth of the chatty with his right hand, in letting go the head of the snake, he appears not to have been quick enough with the shell in covering up the chatty, and just as he let it go, the snake, which was in an excited state, flew at the man's hand, and seized the back of his index finger. The bite was severe, and but the work of a moment. The man himself became greatly alarmed, and, being alive to the results of such accidents, alluded in desponding terms to his wife and children. I had much to do in allaying his fears, and cheering him with hopes of recovery.

I hope on a future occasion to detail a mode of treatment to be pursued in all such cases. Of course there is nothing new in the sucking of a poisoned wound, this is well known to medical men generally. I only claim the fact of having brought it practically into successful play; but the potash treatment is original and my own, based on numerous actual experiments, carried out from time to time at much expense, trouble and risk.—Yours faithfully,

John Shortt.

Vepery, Bundall's Road, 12th Jan. 1870.

Lodger.—"Somebody called in my absence? Did he leave any name?" Mary, "Oh, yes, he said it was Ismaterial?"—*Fun Almanack.*

MADRAS RACES, 1870.

Third Day, Tuesday, January 11th.

Selling Stakes for Arabs, Rs. 250, and Rs. 54 entrance. ¾ of a mile. Five started, namely, Mr. Pilgrim's Magnet, Mr. B. A.'s Miskeen, Mr. Wilson's Alladin, Mr. Dawlish's Bucklegs, and Mr. Beaver's Don Juan.

Don Juan	1
Miskeen	2
Bucklegs	3

The Corinthian Stakes.—Rs. 200. A handicap for all horses. One mile.

Confederate	1
Wasp	2

Auction Stakes.—Rs. 500. For all horses.

Four started—Mr. Dawlish's Silver Star (Rs. 2,400), the Maharajah of Vizanagram's Dirk Hatterick (Rs. 2,000), Captain Duke's Warrior (Rs. 1,800), and Captain Langford's Stranger.

Silver Star	1
Warrior	2
Dirk Hatterick	3

The Madras Handicap.—Rs. 1,000. For all horses. One mile and a half and a distance.

Five started.—Captain Langford's Jupiter, Mr. Wilson's Fleur de Lys, Mr. Merry's Stockwell, Mr. Dawlish's Grand Master, and Mr. Pilgrim's Clansman.

Stockwell	1
Jupiter	2
Fleur de Lys	3
Clansman	0
Grand Master	0

A capital race, won by a neck.

The Hunt Steeple Chase.—Rs. 250. For all horses that have been regularly hunted with the Madras hounds. Previous winners excluded.

Three started. Mr. Albert's Meg, Mr. Symons' Screwdriver, Mr. Shaw's Dusty Bob.

Screwdriver won.

The Vizianagram Plate.—Rs. 500, presented by H. H. the Maha Rajah of Vizianagram, K. C. S. I. A. handicap for all Arabs. 2½ miles.

Six started. Colonel Knox's Emerald, Mr. Turner's Surgeon Major, Mr. Wilson's Alladin, Mr. Beaver's Roostum, Mr. Dawlish's Ziraph, Maha Raja of Vizianagram's Orion. Emerald and Ziraph made a dead heat of it and the owners agreed to divide the stakes. Roostum was well up.

Fourth Day, Thursday, 13th January.

The attendance on the stand was about the same as at the meeting on Tuesday last, but the number of spectators on the course was very small. Shortly before six o'clock the course looked as if no sport was going to take place, but as the time fixed for the races approached, some people came together and formed a small crowd. At about twenty minutes after six o'clock five horses, Mr. Pilgrim's Confederate, Mr. Wilson's Wasp, Mr. Shaw's Idler, Ali Meeza's Miskeen and Mr. Beaver's Don Juan, were led out to compete for the

Guindy Handicap.—Rs. 200, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 40. H. F. For all horses that have started in the Ladies' Purse, Selling Stakes, Corinthian Stakes and Steeple Chases. ¾ mile. To close and name at noon on the 13th January, and to declare to start the day before the race. There was a fair start. Owing to two of the riders of the horses being dressed very much alike, it was difficult to say from a distance which horse was leading, but as the turn homewards was being neared, it became evident that Idler had the first place and was being followed closely by Don Juan and Miskeen. After the corner was turned for the winning post, Idler had not much to fear, though Don Juan and Miskeen endeavoured hard to get ahead of him. The horses came in in the following order :—

Idler	1
Don Juan	2
Miskeen	3
Confederate	4
Wasp	5

Time—1 min. 23 secs.

The Poodoocottah Plate.—Rs. 500. Presented by the Maharajah of Poodoocottah, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 100. H. F. H. One mile and a half and a distance. Five horses were entered. Mr. Pilgrim's Clansman, Mr. Dawlish's Grandmaster, the Maharajah of Vizianagram's Dirk Hatterick, Colonel Knox's Emerald, and Mr. Beaver's Roostum. The last mentioned horse did not appear at the starting post. Those who were interested in Dirk Hatterick came in for a sad disappointment. When the horses were declared ready for a start, Dirk Hatterick suddenly bolted, and ran right round the course, his rider having no control over him. It was hoped that he would come to his senses and stop on coming back to the starting post, but it did not so happen, for he continued his running and went round a second time. All hopes of the animal's being able to take a part in the contest were given up, and Clansman, Grandmaster and Emerald were started, Grandmaster led slightly, being followed by Clansman. Though Clansman and Grandmaster seemed to have the race between them for some time, it was pretty generally believed that Emerald would prove the victor, and it did so turn out, for shortly after the corner was rounded, Grandmaster and Clansman struggled hard for the prize, but Emerald gained ground and won by more than a length.

Emerald	1
Grandmaster	2
Clansman	3

Time—2 min. 56 secs.

Dirk Hatterick continued to run, and did not come to a stop till he had run round three times, much to the discomfort of his rider who seemed greatly exhausted on dismounting.

The Vencatagherry Plate.—Rs. 500. Presented by the Rajah of Vencatagherry, K. C. S. I., added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 100. H. F. One mile and a half and a distance. Four started. Captain Langford's Jupiter, Mr. Dawlish's Silver Star, Captain Duke's Warrior and Mr. Wilson's Fleur de Lys. The race was a good one. Fleur de Lys led bravely, but was overtaken by her competitors. Now Warrior was first and soon afterwards Jupiter took the lead. Warrior was however the favourite, and after a struggle with Jupiter, reached the winning post first.

Warrior	1
Jupiter	2
Silver Star	3
Fleur de Lys	4

Time—2 min. 50½ secs.

Whip Plate.—For all Arabs. Weight for age and inches. ¾ mile. 1 lb. 12 oz. for every quarter of an inch over and under. Rupees 300 from the fund. Rs. 50 entrance. P. P. Four started. Teazer, Don Juan, Alladin and Surgeon Major. Mr. Miller's Teazer was the favourite. There was a good start, all four keeping well together for some time. Teazer took the lead, and keeping the first place won without much trouble.

Teazer	1
Don Juan	2
Alladin	3
Surgeon Major	4

Time—1 min. 26 secs.

The races on Saturday are to begin at 4 o'clock P.M. There is to be a "Ladies' Race" for all ladies' horses. The prize for this race will be a set of jewellery.—*Madras Times.*

CASTE IN MADRAS AND BOMBAY.

To the Editor of "The Times."

Sir,—Permit me to confirm from my personal experience the statement made in your review of Captain Hozier's *Abyssinian Campaign*, that it is incorrect to suppose that the selection of the Bombay army for this expedition was made on the grounds that "the caste of its sepoys is less tenacious of its rites and diet" than that of the men of the Bengal and Madras armies. The fact is, the very reverse is the case, at least as regards the Madras sepoy. For instance, at Koomayiee the Bombay sepoys positively refused to receive ewes as meat rations, and they besought me, in Oriental fashion, to give them rams only, as it was against their creed to eat the female. I told the men that it was only after considerable trouble and much cost that I could procure sheep at all, and that as, like other animals, sheep had in the first instance been created male and female, they must take their proportion of the sexes. I further informed them that, though I could easily supply them with wethers, yet that the ingenuity and ready resource of even a Commissariat officer failed in all attempts to convert ewes into rams. The Bombay sepoys, however, rather than receive ewes, used frequently to forego their rations. On the other hand, the Madras Sappers took rams and ewes indiscriminately.

Again, the coolies from Bombay attached to the Commissariat Department would not touch or lift sheepskins and kegs of salt provisions. So, whenever work involving the handling of these articles was to be done, the Madras dooly-bearers had to execute it. In the face of these facts, it is hardly fair to say that the sepoy of Bombay is less troublesome in the matters of caste and diet than the sepoy of Madras.—Your obedient servant,

Dec. 18. MADRASSEE.

Colonel Stanton, her Britanuic Majesty's Consul-General in Egypt has formally warned Sir S. Baker, in the name of the British Government, that he and those under him, in his expedition up the Nile, are not entitled to British protection, and that if they are wronged, injured, molested, or constrained in any way, they are not to look for any redress from England. The instructions of Lord Clarendon seem positive and precise. Thus, the very contract under which Sir S. Baker is engaged to put down slavery in the White Nile becomes null and void as far as British interference is concerned, and the Viceroy may refuse to be bound by it.

NOTES OF VOYAGE—TUTICORIN TO CALICUT.

No. 3.

(By "The Wanderer," in the "Englishman.")

Calicut, January 1, 1870.

My last letter was from Tuticorin, a sea port in the district of Tinnevelly. From that place we sailed on the 30th December, and rounded India's furthest Cape. The weather was a little boisterous off the Cape, but the moment we passed the southernmost point, and got under the lea of the high land which sheltered us from the strength of the N. E. monsoon, the sea became quite calm, and the wind moderated, so as to blow only with sufficient power to render the warm temperature of that southerly latitude very agreeable. It tempered, as the great lexicographer would say, "the fervors of the crab." On the 31st we cast anchor at Cochin, but at so great a distance from the landing-place, coupled with the announcement that we would leave in an hour, that I could not go on shore. It is said to be a place of considerable trade, with shipbuilding yards, an arsenal, barbour and citadel. Cochin is noted for being the place where the Portuguese first erected a fort. We took it from the Dutch in 1796. Early in the morning of the 1st January we left Cochin, and arrived in the evening at Beypore, the terminus of the Madras Railway. The voyage on this, the Malabar Coast, is delightful at this season of the year. The temperature of the atmosphere and the smoothness of the sea, with the hills of the Western Ghats in the distance, reminded me greatly of a voyage I once made in the month of April up the Adriatic, along the coasts of Albania and Istria. The Indian passengers on that voyage were charmed, delighted, in very raptures. The climate was delicious, the scenery superb, &c., yet here, in this much calumniated land, they have an equally agreeable climate, scenery as superb as that of the shores of the Adriatic, but they regard both with profound indifference. On the same day we arrived at Beypore, where I landed. Through the centre of Beypore a river runs that renders landing easy. A small bar is crossed at the mouth of the river, but the surf on it was very insignificant. On the right hand, after entering the river, is the terminus of the Madras Railway. It has a refreshment room, and a very good hotel attached to the very platform of the Railway terminus. The building is of wood, but the rooms are capacious and airy, which is very agreeable in the warm climate of Beypore. At this place I left the Scotia and hired a conveyance to take me to Calicut, which is seven miles distant from Beypore. The conveyances are kept on the side of the river opposite to the Railway. They consist of four-wheeled vehicles, very like palkeegharries, and are drawn by a pair of small bullocks, which, however, go considerably faster than the majority of the Calcutta backs. My bullocks bounded along at a good canter, and in little more than an hour landed me at Calicut. At this place there are two or three hotels, but I have been told very indifferent. By the kind courtesy of Mr. Andrews, the agent of the B. I. S. N. Company, I was made an honorary member of the Malabar Club, and entitled at once to all its many privileges. This was a great boon to me, a stranger, arriving in the darkness of night, and not knowing where to go. I was surprised, on looking at the Club Reports, to notice the very large number of members. There are more than one hundred members in the Malabar Club, a large portion of whom are coffee planters from the neighbouring hills of Wynaad. The base of these hills is about thirty miles distant from Calicut, and I was assured that the road to it is excellent. I had the advantage of having a long interview with a Wynaad coffee planter, and I, remembering the awful accounts I had read of the terrible ravages of the borer, very innocently asked him if the said borers continued to injure the coffee trees as much as formerly. The planter laughed at my query, and scouted the statement that the borers had done such a vast amount of damage as had been reported in the papers. They had done, and continued to do, some damage, but nothing of any consequence. "The borer," he said, "affords an excellent excuse to the coffee planter who falls short in the crop he has estimated to his employers." I thought immediately of our tea planters and their beloved white ants, which serve them in a similar way. After the correspondence, however, which has lately appeared in your columns, I don't think the tea planters of Eastern Bengal, or elsewhere, will quote the white-ants as the causes of their short-comings. Is there no champion in the Madras hills who will come forward and extinguish the borer, as the white-ant was put out in Bengal? Calicut is celebrated for being the first place where the great Portuguese navigator Vasco de Gama landed, after rounding the Cape of Tempests, and it was here that Albuquerque silenced the arguments and remonstrances of the native possessor of the land, by pointing to the guns and the piles of shot he had just landed. The Portugals, as Cromwell used to called them, were great men in those days. They were great navigators and great warriors, and conquered large portions of America and India. The deeds of Vasco de Gama are sung in the great epic poem of the one-eyed Camoens, the Lusiada; yet how little do the modern English know of this poem! And of the epic poem of Spain by Alonzo de Ercilla—*La Araucana*—they know nothing. The events recorded by the latter occur among the Araucan Indians, a nation whose territories are on the borders of Chili—a fierce people who defied all the efforts of the Spaniards to subjugate them, and who remain independent to this day. The reader of Don Quixote will remember that in the examination of the books of Don Quixote's library by the curate and barber, the *Araucana* not only escaped condemnation, but Cervantes passes a high eulogium on it. While we are ignorant of these great epic poems which deal with real important events, we are all well acquainted with the wild fictions of Ariostos. The mad Orlando, the faithless Angelica, the rhodomontade of Rodomonte, which has supplied us with a new and most expressive word, the fighting Amazon Bradamante, Astolfo with his magic horn, Ruggiero with his dazzling-blinding shield, these are familiar as household words to us all, and even Sir Walter Scott confessed that Ariosto's "Orlando Furioso" was delicious reading. But I must return to my muttons.

Calicut is a large town, but I should think that it cannot be healthy. It lies low, and the climate is moist and hot. The soil must be rich, for it is covered with the rankest vegetation, and the whole town is overshadowed by what may be termed a forest of cocoanut trees. The breeze from the sea is the only redeeming circumstance to the disagreeable features of Calicut, and it no doubt has the effect of neutralising, to a considerable extent, the malaria which otherwise would render the town uninhabitable. Notwithstanding the hospitalities of the club, I shall not be sorry to leave Calicut.

A SCANDAL.

We have still scandals to engage our attention, and though at this moment the Carlton and Reform are nearly empty, and the Athenæum is given up to a few judges and "heavy" fellows of the Royal Society, the clubs, which are of a lighter character than these great bulwarks of Pall Mall, ring even at this time of year with gossip of an unsavoury sort. Our latest story concerns an Irish heiress, of whose wealth I have heard tales so wonderful, that I decline to credit them. The lady, however, is beautiful as well as rich, and she is the wife of a gallant captain in a crack cavalry regiment. What has happened I do not profess to know. This I do know, however, that a short time ago the husband showed himself at the "country seat" of a certain well known west-end auctioneer and land agent —a gentleman whose name I am not at liberty to mention, but whose fame has, I dare say, extended even to "India's coral strand." Whilst there he administered to the master of the house, the knight of the hammer, what that worthy would doubtless describe as "a knock down blow." In other words he thrashed him so severely, that for some days his west-end clients were deprived of the light of his countenance. Not content with this the husband is about to bring an action in the Divorce Court, and the curious world is promised some remarkable revelations in connection with the case. For my part, my chief wonder is with respect to the £400,000 which the wife is said to possess in her own right. What will Lord Penzance do with it?—*London Letter in the 'Madras Times.'*

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA.

The *Medical News* of St. Petersburg gives some interesting particulars relative to the outbreak of cholera in Russia. It attributes the outbreak to the extraordinary heat and drought which prevailed this summer in Central Russia, and which was in striking contrast to the frequent rains in North-Western Russia and Western Europe generally. Several cases of diarrhœa and summer cholera, some of which were fatal, occurred at Kieff in July, but there was no epidemic until the middle of September. At first it was supposed that the cholera had reached Kieff from Persia, but it appears this year Tiflis has been unusually healthy, and that there is no communication between Kieff and the Persian districts where cholera prevailed. The disease appeared indiscriminately both in the poor and the rich quarters of Kieff, and carried off several victims in the higher classes. In September the number of patients was 62, of whom upwards of 40 died. How many persons were attacked in October is not known, but there were upwards of 30 deaths from the epidemic. At Orel the number of persons attacked between the 17th of November and the 9th of December was, according to the official reports, 92, 45 of whom have died; and at Retchitz, in the government of Minsk, 17 cholera cases had ended fatally up to the 11th of December. On the 7th a soldier died of cholera at St. Petersburg.

THE GAME OF BESIQUE.

Mr. John Loraine Baldwin, the editor of the *Laws of Short Whist*, has just published a treatise on the laws and practice of the new and favourite game of Bésique. This last addition to the resources of card players has in a short time become so popular, that it is said even to threaten the established supremacy of whist. It has at least this advantage over the latter—that it can be played equally well, and on the same principles, by two, three, or four persons; while, in the case of whist, the two-handed and three-handed games differ essentially from whist proper. Bésique is played by two persons with two piquet packs (that is, packs from which the cards between the sevens and the aces are omitted). These two packs should be exactly alike, and are shuffled together. Three, or four players, use three packs, similarly prepared and mixed. The score is large, the game for two players being 1,000, and for three players 1,500; so that a special marking apparatus is necessary, or at least desirable. The cards lose their customary value, and count in the following order:—Ace, ten, king, queen, knave, nine, eight, seven. In commencing to play the first thing is to cut for deal; and the deal falls to the highest. In the two-handed game, eight cards are dealt to each player, and the seventeenth is exposed as a trump; being left on the table partially covered by the undealt cards, which, with it, are called the talon. The elder hand leads a single card, and the adversary plays another. The two constitute a trick, which is taken up by the winner, who then takes the top card from the talon under his hand. The adversary takes the next card, the winner of the trick leads again, and this mode of play is continued until the talon is exhausted. The cards in hand are then played out in the same manner, and the deal comes to an end.

The score at Bésique is chiefly made up by counting four various combinations of cards which come into the hands of each player during the progress of the game, and before the talon is exhausted. "Bésique" is to hold at the same time the queen of spades and the knave of diamonds, and counts 40. "Double Bésique," or both queens of spades and both knaves of diamonds, counts 500. A sequence of trumps—ace, ten, king, queen, and knave counts 250. A Royal Marriage, *i. e.* king and queen of trumps, counts 40. A simple marriage, king and queen of any other suit, counts 20. Four aces together count 100; four kings, 80; four queens, 60; and four knaves, 40. The players who hold any of these combinations can only declare and score them immediately after winning a trick, and with only seven cards in his hand,—that is before he has taken a card from the talon in order to lead again. One trick covers only one declaration, so that, for example, a player after winning could not score for a marriage and Bésique, but must make his choice between them. To declare and score Bésique prevents the player from declaring double Bésique afterwards, as the queen first scored cannot be reckoned again. Hence, in this, as in the larger game of life, it is often judicious to forego some present advantage for the sake of a greater one in prospect, and the player who is too eager to grasp at gains may often lose by doing so. When a declaration is made, the cards on which it rests are exposed on the table, but remain available for playing to tricks. As long as cards are left in the talon there is no necessity to follow suit, to trump, or to win the trick, and each player throws away from his hand at his discretion, subject simply to the condition that he must win a trick in order to declare and score. When the talon is exhausted the exposed cards are taken up into the hand and no more declarations can be made. It then becomes obligatory to follow suit if possible, and also, if possible, to win the trick, either with a superior card of the same suit or with a trump. The winner of the last trick scores ten for it.

When the hand is played out each player looks over his tricks and scores ten for every ace and for every ten. These are called brisques, and the points from them amount to 160 in all.

Besides the scores already mentioned, the dealer, if the trump card should be a seven, at once marks ten points. A player holding the seven of trumps may, after winning a trick, but not before, exchange that seven for the trump card, which he places in his hand, and then marks ten points. A player holding the other seven of trumps may also, after winning a trick, declare and expose it, and mark ten points. In Bésique the elder hand has the advantage; and wins the trick if the cards are equal. He also first counts his brisques, and if each score should be exactly a thousand, he wins the game.

We have said enough to show that Bésique fulfils all the conditions by which a game at cards is generally most recommended to popular favour. It is largely under the dominion of luck or chance, and, at the same time, it affords ample scope for the exercise of memory and judgment. To know how or when to win or lose the trick, how and when to make or withhold a declaration, and to remember what winning cards have still to be played are all essential to those who would turn their luck to the best advantage. The three-handed game is played by each player for himself, the four-handed game by partners, as at whist. There is also a form of Bésique in which the first declaration of a marriage determines the trump suit. But for these and some other details we can only refer the reader to the little work we have already mentioned, which is published by Harrison, of Pall-mall.—*The Times.*

MR. PEABODY'S WILL.

Mr. Peabody's will has been proved in the Probate Court. As much interest attaches to it, and as many bequests have been erroneously reported, we give the main provisions in full. The personal property in England is sworn under £400,000:—"I, George Peabody, gentleman, do make this my last will and testament. Firstly, I direct that my remains shall be sent to my native town of Danvers, now incorporated by the name of Peabody, in the county of Essex and commonwealth of Massachusetts, in that part of the United States of America called New England, and be deposited in the ground appropriated to that purpose in the cemetery of Harmony-grove, in Salem, in said county (near the Peabody town line), under the direction of my executors, hereinafter named. Secondly, I give and bequeath to Henry West, of 22, Old Broad-street, London, the sum of £2,200, and in the event of his decease to his wife, Louisa West; and, in the event of her decease, to his surviving children, to share and share alike. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to Thomas Perman, of 22, Old Broad-street, London, the sum of £1,000, and, in the event of his decease, to his wife, Annette Emma Perman; and, in the event of her decease, to his surviving children, to share and share alike; and I empower my executors to pay the above-named legacies within six months after my decease, and free from any tax, duty, or charges whatever. Fourthly, I give and bequeath to the Right Hon. Lord Stanley, the American Minister at the Court of St. James's for the time being; the Right Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart.; Sir Curtis Miranda Lampson, Bart.; and Junius Spencer Morgan, Esq., trustees of the Peabody Donation Fund, and their successors, trustees of the said fund, the sum of £50,000 upon trust for the building of lodging houses, for the labouring poor of London, as defined in my late letters to the said trustees; and I direct that this legacy be considered a part of the second trust, and disposed of in accordance with the said trust. And I direct that my executors, hereinafter named as my London executors, shall of the said sum of £150,000 pay to said trustees of the Peabody Donation Fund the sum of £100,000 on the first Monday of October, A.D. 1873, and the sum of £50,000 at any time during said year of our Lord, 1873. As this work progresses the labour and responsibility increase, and I therefore deem it essential that another trustee be added, who will have the necessary time and possess the requisite knowledge of all that may be needed for the successful prosecution of the trust. Without assuming to dictate to the trustees, I would mention the name of Charles Reed, Esq., M.P., who is well known to me for his high and most honourable character, as a most suitable person to fill that office. Fifthly, I nominate, constitute, and appoint Sir Curtis Miranda Lampson, of 80, Eaton-square, Pimlico, in the county of Middlesex, and of Rowfant, in the parish of Worth, and of the county of Sussex, baronet; Charles Reed, of Erlsmead-house, in the parish of Hackney

THE MORMONS.

THE letter published by the *New York Tribune* some five or six weeks ago from one of the twelve apostles of the Mormon Church, in reply to the speech on Mormonism delivered by Mr. Colfax in August last at Salt Lake City, has called forth a rejoinder from the Vice-President in the form of a long article on the Mormon question in the *New York Independent*. In this article Mr. Colfax maintains and defends his former position. He shows that polygamy is expressly and emphatically condemned by the Mormon Bible, and by "the Doctrines and Covenants," though it was sanctioned thirteen years later by a pretended revelation. He declares that revelation cannot be permitted to be set up as a defence of what is morally wrong. And as a case in point he holds out the example of England in suppressing the Indian practice of suttee as one worthy to be followed. He asks, is Utah in the Union? When the South seceded, she threw off allegiance to all the laws of the United States, but the Mormons, while refusing to obey, and even threatening to resist with armed force such laws as do not suit them, claim the benefit of all those which they find work to their advantage. And he declares it intolerable that this should be after the four years' struggle in an agony of blood which the nation went through to compel submission to its authority. In connection with this article it is significant that a bill has already been introduced into the Senate, of which it will be remembered Mr. Colfax is President, for giving effect to the Anti-Polygamy Act, which, though on the American Statute Book since 1862, has never yet been put in force. In a conversation with Senator Trumbull, of Illinois, last summer, Brigham Young declared that, if an attempt were made to put this Act into execution, he would resist to the uttermost. But the Vice-President professes not to contemplate the employment of armed force. His doctrine is that the moral power of Congress will be sufficient, when backed up by the firmly declared will of the people to remove "this stain on the national escutcheon."—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

THE TURF.

"ITS SEASONS."

THE Turf libels and everything connected with them ought to have died a natural death before this time. They undoubtedly would have done so but for some mistaken notion that, because justice failed to give an adequate punishment to one defendant, it must have apportioned more than a due retribution to the other. This does not follow at all; nor, indeed, do we think that the facts of the case call for reconsideration. We have heard of "doing a little wrong to do a great right," but we never heard that two wrongs would make a right although two negatives make an affirmative. Dr. Shorthouse has not been too severely punished, all circumstances of his most flagitious paper being taken into account, and Mr. Robins escaped a like punishment, which he equally merited, by a lucky accident. The *Sporting Times* and *The Man About Town* are disgraceful publications, and owe as much to the respectable portion of the sporting press as to Sir Joseph Hawley himself. We do not suppose that Dr. Shorthouse's imprisonment will now make any sort of difference to the moral features of the case; if he came out to-morrow he remains an example to scurrilous journalism which neither he, nor Mr. Robins, nor any of the class, will be likely to forget. But, for all parties, we think it as well that justice should have its course; for the sentence was pronounced after more than wonted deliberation.

We desire to give weight, in this interval, which is as grateful as it is unusual, to some suggestions which have frequently made, but which seldom come authoritatively before the public. It seems to us that a move might be made in influential quarters to stop, as far as possible, all flat-racing from the end of November to the beginning of the following March. It would not only be beneficial to the trainers, jockeys, and, above all, to the horses, which would be the better for the partial rest, but it would allow of a quasi-official recognition of the steeplechase, as belonging especially to this season of the year. It is not that steeplechasing would not run into the other nine months, because we find it extend too far beyond those limits, according to the nature of the ground and the necessities of the case. To this there would be no objection. But it would give a fair hold to the sport so pre-eminently fitted for winter, if flat-racing could be entirely excluded from participation in it. That steeplechasing shall never interfere with summer-racing needs no recommendation beyond the common sense of English sportsmen, who have more brains than to endanger their horses' chances in the months of June or July. Unfortunately, we have so much racing now that half the meetings in England are doubled or even trebled for no other purpose than the collection of black mail. Clerks of courses know that some hundreds must and will come together, be the attractions of the racing good or bad. We are content with the repetitions of Newmarket to which we are accustomed; nor should we perhaps desire to abolish the City and Suburban and the Metropolitan, though we should be equally glad to see them run at any other time. Ascot Spring, a really pleasant meeting, remains to be petitioned for in addition to that; and we have no doubt that if the sufferages of the country towns of England could be collected they would proclaim a second meeting in the twelvemonth an unmitigated nuisance.

There has been—there may be now in a less degree—a feeling opposed to the steeplechase as compared with flat-racing; a sort of fashionable prejudice in favour of the latter, which the magic of Newmarket Heath has excited. It is utterly without foundation. That there should be more persons and horses engaged in the one than the other is necessary. Almost everything with four legs, if fast enough to get over a country, can find stable room and stable boyhood in a straight line, with a snaffle and a martingale for its restraining forces. With three miles and thirty fences, and nothing under 10st on its back, there are certain requisitions of temper, stamina, and experience not so common. In quantity, therefore, the flat beats the other. But is it so wondrously aristocratic as to turn up its nose at its younger brother? Go and look at the Two Thousand Guineas' day, listen to the eloquent language, the refinement of diction, the suavity of manner at headquarters, and compare it with that of Liverpool Steeplechase Course; how much does it gain? What is there in the one to give a preeminence above the other? Nothing whatever; the gain, if any on either side, is in favour of Aintree; and on a closer inspection the language, the manners, and the refinement will be found to be identical. The same oracular 6 to 4 will have come from Cambridgeshire to Lancashire, the same influence in predicting the explosion, prepared a pillar of ozone, and introduced into it a small quantity of potassium. A detonation immediately followed, and the bottle was blown to pieces. If we remember rightly, M. Fontaine, at the time of the accident, was engaged in the manufacture of torpedoes for the French Government, and it is perhaps well that the delicate nature of the compound revealed itself before being extensively employed. The force of picrate of potassium is several thousand times greater than that of gunpowder, and it is easy to imagine what damage an ozone day might have worked at Brest or Cherbourg, where M. Fontaine's torpedoes would probably have been stored.—*Pall Mall Gazette*

AN AMERICAN FENIAN MANIFESTO.

THE Fenian Brotherhood in America have promulgated the following address, which is countersigned by John Savage, the chief executive officer of the organization:—

"The Fenian Brotherhood congratulate their brothers across the Atlantic on the steady and important advancement of the cause of Irish nationality. The disestablishment of the Anglican Church in Ireland gives us sincere pleasure, and we trust that the removal of this barrier to the fraternal union of all sons of Ireland, irrespective of creed, may produce the good results that we expect from it. But the Church, though disestablished, has not been disendowed, so that 'religious equality' is as far removed as ever in Ireland. This disestablishment being effected, other disestablishments ought to follow. Three garrisons have held Ireland in subjection—the Church, the landlords, and the military; among the latter we reckon the constabulary, armed with breech-loaders, and handled as if engaged in a perpetual campaign. It is the turn of the landlord to be disestablished next; and after that the great establishment—that of the English military colony—must inevitably follow.

"The land question is one of a different kind from the ascendancy question. The latter constituted a great grievance, it is true, but in comparison to that of the land it was only a sentimental grievance. The land grievance is a vital one—the manner in which it is dealt with means life or death for millions of people. It is a grievance great enough to justify a rebellion, and therefore it is a first-class grievance, a rank which the established Church grievance did not hold. The land of Ireland belongs to the people of Ireland. The voice of the Irish people distinctly declares, as the rights of the people demand, that the actual cultivators alone should enjoy the privilege of holding land; and that the farmers should hold direct from the only legitimate landlord of Ireland—the aggregate Irish people. Feudal landlordism is doomed.

"There are three first-class grievances oppressing the Irish people, any one of which would justify a revolutionary war:—Firstly, landlordism; secondly, maladministration of justice; thirdly, excessive taxation. It is useless to look to legislation for an amelioration of the present system, so long as the laws are ill-administered. The magistracies are, with few other exceptions, taken from one creed and one class. The creed is the Protestant, in a country where five-sixths of the people are Catholic; the class is the landlord, in a country where the 'rights of tenants' involve the liberty to live. The administrators of justice are all appointed by the Crown. So are all the public prosecutors in criminal cases. The Sheriffs have unlimited power, which they never scruple to exercise, of packing juries. The magistrates act under the direction of the police officers, and all are directed by the Irish Minister of Police, otherwise the Under-Secretary, who is generally conspicuous for his ignorance of laws and Irish affairs. The English Exchequer is replenished with revenues taken out of Ireland, in defiance of express laws and covenants, and by the products of taxes vastly in excess of Ireland's ability to pay.

"The result is that trade in Ireland is destroyed, industry paralyzed, and the country more impoverished every year. Thus, while landlordism is the grievance of the great class of the people, systematical injustice and excessive taxation affect all classes, and are grievances which, in the rational course of events compelled by Fenianism, must excite the thought and action of the entire population.

"After all these grievances have been grappled with, there still remains the monster grievance of Ireland demanding to be remedied. Tells is the rock from which all the others spring—the source and origin of all the woes of Ireland. It is alien domination. The rule of England is the grievance of grievances. To remove it is to remove all the others. To suffer it to remain is but to provide for a new crop of intolerable wrongs. None of the grievances of Ireland can be radically cured until English domination shall cease; they may be mitigated, but it is only a temporary respite, which would last only as long as the present agitation. Every English garrison must be withdrawn; Protestant, landlord, and British ascendancy must be withdrawn Self-government is the only salvation for Ireland; autonomy is the panacea for her grievances.

"The case of the political prisoners should appeal to the civilized world. Their sufferings cannot be described. The debates in the English Parliament have brought to light a system of treatment which the romancist of the lowest order, in his direst imagination, would scarcely ascribe to the most barbarous age or country in history. There is, indeed, a fear of creating doubt as to the reality of horrors surrounding the political prisoners—the plain truth so shocks and assaults our faculties of belief; but undeniable simple facts on the record show that the treatment of political prisoners in England has resulted in death, in raving insanity; and that of those whose sufferings have been prolonged to the present, several are reduced to the lowest state in which life can be sustained, and others have been brutalized into imbecility. This class embraces several American citizens, by birth and adoption. On no subject in these days have the people of Ireland been so unanimous as on a general amnesty for the prisoners. In denying the prayer of the people, Mr. Gladstone, as an excuse, says:—'It is known to the Government that the Fenian conspiracy is not extinct either in the United Kingdom or in America.'

"This plea is a shallow attempt to disguise the weakness of his position. It is unworthy of the candid statesman-ship for which Mr. Gladstone receives and accepts credit. It is equally unworthy of the public intelligence he addresses. The testimony of the Premier is not required to prove that Fenianism is not extinct. The pretence that he has just discovered that fact is insincere. He knew that Fenianism was not extinguished by the incarceration of those patriots. He knew that the existence of Fenianism so plunged his predecessor into difficulty that he made it his opportunity for promotion—that, in fact, Fenianism was his stepping-stone to power; and he knew that since he has wielded the prerogatives of his great office nothing has been done to ameliorate the condition of affairs which made, and still makes, Fenianism a necessity. He knew then Fenianism was not extinct. He knows now that it is not likely to be extinct.

"It would be unjust to the Premier's intelligence to believe that he believes it possible, even with the aid of John Bright, to bandage the eyes of Fenianism with the old lawn sleeves of the Irish Church or crush its giant form into the diminutive coffin of disestablishment. He cannot believe that the loyal demeanour of the prison-martyrs to warrant the assumption that they would purchase personal liberty at the price of the extinction of Fenianism. He knows that their hold upon the hearts of the people is because of the heroism with which they illustrate the Fenian idea. He knows that when released the political prisoners will not be regarded as pardoned felons, but as unjustly punished patriots; for liberty is justified of all her children.

"Hence, his plea if put forth to the English people is insincere—to the Irish, wilfully heartless; while the thinking civilization it presents the English government as wanting strength to be magnanimous, or wanting sagacity to be honest.

"Juries of 12 men, carefully selected and packed for the purpose, sent these political prisoners to gaol. Millions of men of all classes, political and religious demonstrations have openly demanded their release. Intelligent